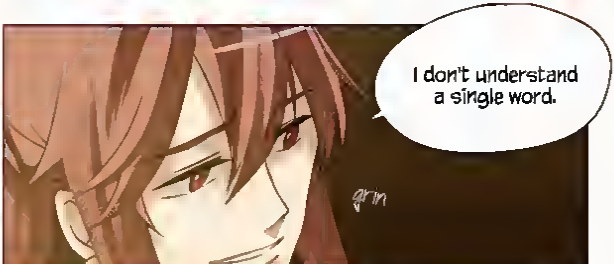
I guess I am the last one.

Where will you be?

In a place of camellias drenched in red

I will be there...

...where it begins.



flutter
hho
oo
oo
osh

Who
It would be best for everyone...
if we never see each other again.
Osh

...Ga-bi.

shhh
clink

Sorry.

After 150 years

Upon the death of its master, each Divine Bell chooses its new owner.

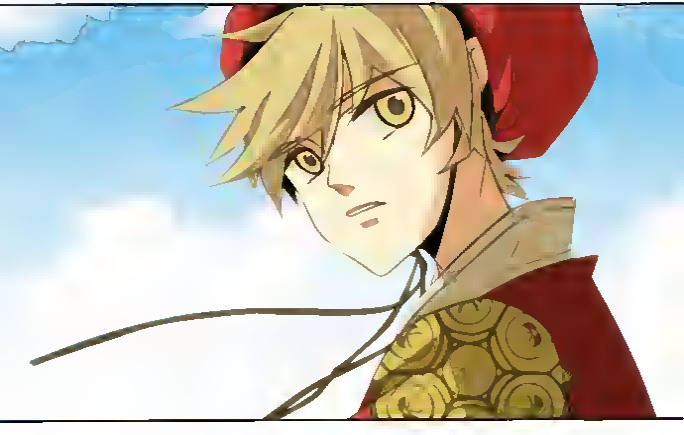
The master must be a royal, but may be of any country.

Over time, the power of each country came to be determined by the number of bells, if any, it possessed.

I am...

...from the country never chosen a single time.

Hong-Ryung!!



I am a king.

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Undeveloped Territory

Dae-Hyun

Nan-Hun

Myung-Joo

Bu-Ho

Chi-Hu

Jong-Mu Sea

Undeveloped Territory

Currently, out of six countries, the country of Myung-Joo has never been chosen.

The countries of Jung-Hun, Nan-Hun, and Chi-Hu each have one.

The country of Bu-Ho has two Divine Bells.

※ THE COUNTRY POSSESSES TWO, BUT ONLY ONE EXERTS POWER.

The country of Dae-Hyun has the most with three.

What's more, the Divine Bells of Dae-Hyun...

... have never chosen masters other than the kings of Dae-Hyun.

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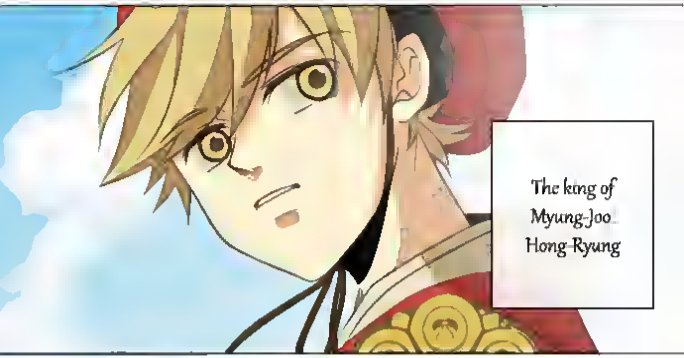
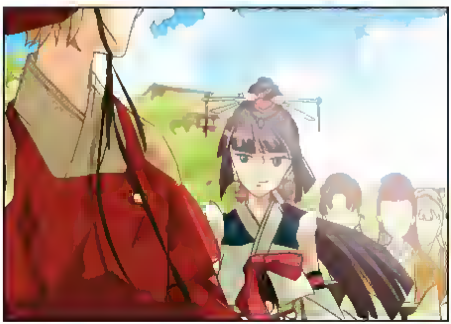
Divine Bell 1

Chapter 1 Bells That Are Called Divine

The palace of
Dae-Hyun
Tae-Ryung

Hong-Ryung!


The king of
Myung-Joo
Hong-Ryung



The number-one princess of Nan-Hun, No-Woo, humbly bows in the presence of the king of Myung-Joo.
The eldest princess of Nan-Hun: No-Woo

...
...What's the point of being formal after calling my name?

There's that thing called etiquette.
I am a princess, and you are a king.
glance

Long time no see, Hong-Ryung!
grin

Anyway this is a huge place.
I was looking for you for a long time. It may be three times bigger than my palace.
Why did they build it so huge when they are not going to walk around the whole thing?
What are they, bragging about having the most land?

Chirp
Chirp
...
Hmpf.
I think it is bragging: using the title of 'emperor,'
having more land than the remaining five ant-sized countries...
So much to brag about, eh?
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
It's okay in your own country,
but I think you should stop insulting the house of Dae-Hyun inside of Dae-Hyun palace.
Your retainers are looking pale. I'm starting to feel sorry for them.

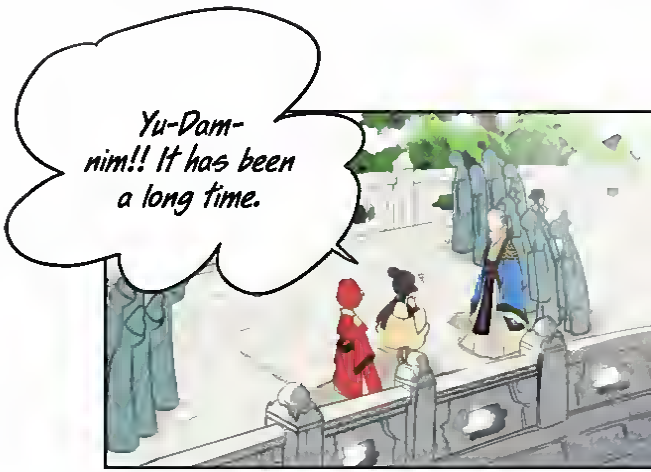
I am annoyed, that's why.
Why do we have to be here where the Divine Bells are choosing Dae-Hyun's new emperor now that the former passed away?
The Divine Bells are going to choose Dae-Hyun's emperor anyway.

"Dae-Hyun is a great country!"
"I am a great person!"
"Therefore you must revere me!!"

. . .
Doesn't it annoy you too, knowing they called us here to show off like this?
Do you know how tiring it was for me to come here?

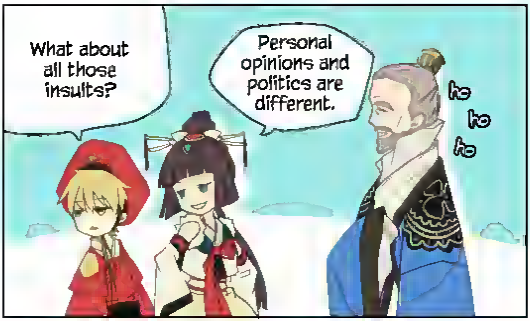
Oh dear,
Seems like Princess No-Woo is upset.

May I join in the trash-talk?
The king of Jung-Hun: Yu-Dam
Ah!


Yu-Dam-nim!! It has been a long time.

Princess, you are becoming prettier every day.
Since you are here, I guess the king of Nan-Hun is still unwell.
He has recovered considerably.
But, since he must not overexert himself yet, I have come instead of him...

...with this Bell.
Thanks to that,
I brought tons of presents for the King of Dae-Hyun.


What about all those insults?
Personal opinions and politics are different.
ho ho ho

How are you, King of Myung-Joo?
What do you think?

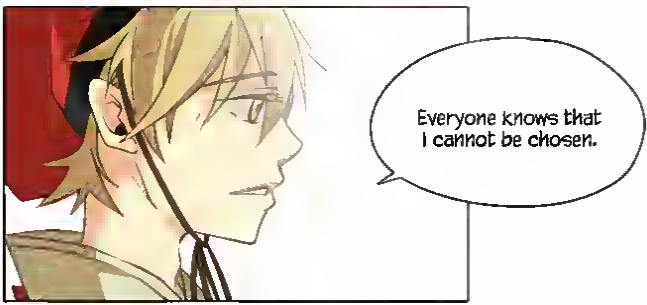
Hu
?
h?

Hey!
WHY DO YOU LOOK AS IF YOU DON'T KNOW?
Jump
Come on...
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW ALL THE ROYALS THINK OF YOU?
Haven't you heard the rumors?
They're saying you're the most incompetent do-nothing king in the history of Myung-Joo,
and that lady's son, Mu-Hyang, should be king instead!
shove

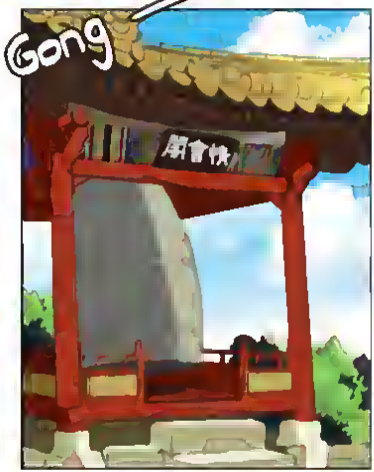
The late king's concubine...
Lady?
...mother of the oh-so-great Mu-Hyang...

...Chui-Bi.

Be careful when you go back this time.
She will try anything to get you.
If, once again, you aren't chosen by a Divine Bell, she will say something like you are unqualified to be king and so on.


Everyone knows that I cannot be chosen.

Gong
And..
Gong
Gong

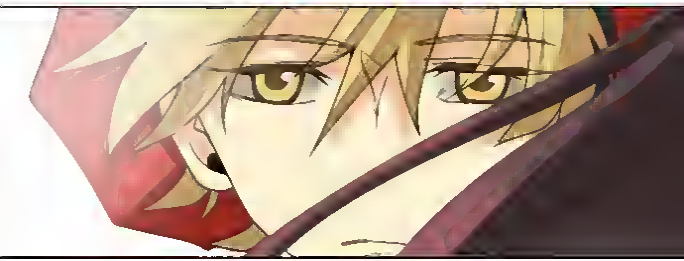

Gong
Gong

The time for choosing has come. We should go to Gan-Hon-Gak.
I wonder who will be chosen this time.
There is an obvious answer to that.

Well, I don't know.
I sense that there might be a different answer this time.

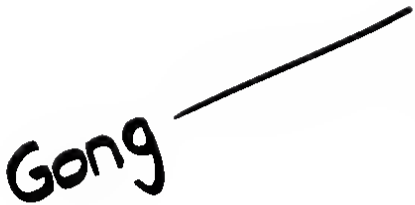
Ah, so you suspect something, Yu-Dam-nim?

Let's go, Hong-Ryung!



And...

Let them keep their Bell.
I want nothing to do with it.



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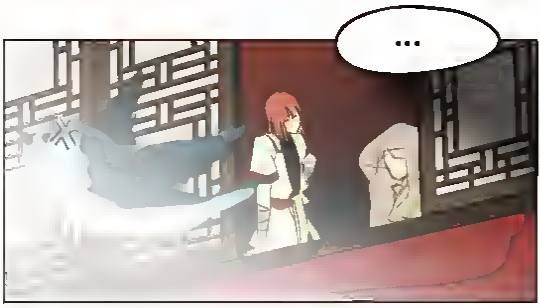
chirp
tap
What are you looking at?
Was there a good-looking man?

Sis♡?

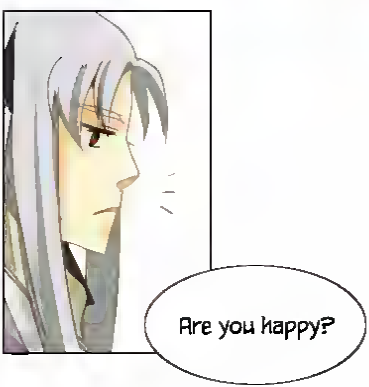

...

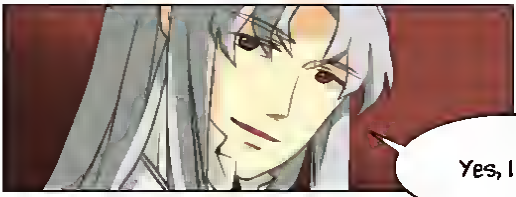
AHHHHHHHH!!

Ow!! Ow!!
It hurts!!!

I apologize, Madam So-Hae-Hu.
bow
What are you doing?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH SAYING "HI!" HUH? WHAT DID I DO SO WRONG!!
I guess Guk-Yool was bored since So-Hae-Hu doesn't talk much.

Your Highness, it's time to go to Gan-Hon-Gak.
Yes.


Are you happy?


Yes, I am.

I've waited for this day.
I become an emperor...
...and today the Divine Bells become mine.

Since
THAT day...

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Divine Bells 1

Chapter 2 Choice of the Bell

Gan-Hon-Gak

Only here, in Dae-Hyun's Gan-Hon Palace...
...The Divine Bells choose their owners.

The king of Bu-Hoi
Dan-Hak
The Queen of Chi-Hui
Seo-Wol-Ha

Well, the king of Myung-Joo needn't have come.

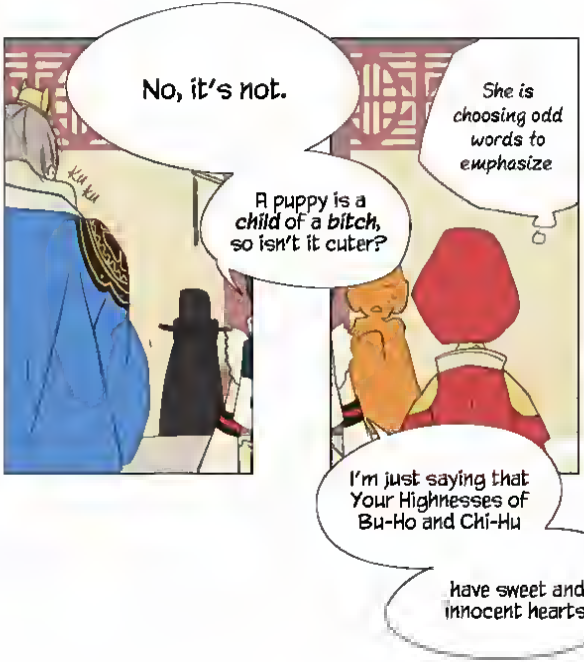
Yes, that's true.
Even if his kingdom has never been chosen by a Divine Bell...
It's admirable for you to attend the Divine Bell's choice every time.

It's a relief that Myung-Joo is the closest to Dae-Hyun,
so attending should be relaxing to come and go.

Well, there was no need for Chi-Hu or Bu-Ho's rulers to come, either.

Everyone knows that the Divine Bells of Dae-Hyun never choose owners outside of Dae-Hyun.
Nevertheless, you look excited, both of you.
Just like puppies waiting for their food.
WOOF!
He He He

WOOF!
Are... Are you calling us dogs,
Princess No-Woo?
When did I call you dogs? I said puppies.
Are you deaf old woman?
THAT'S THE SAME THING!


No, it's not.
A puppy is a child of a bitch, so isn't it cuter?
She is choosing odd words to emphasize
I'm just saying that Your Highnesses of Bu-Ho and Chi-Hu
have sweet and innocent hearts.

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE A PRINCESS OF NAN-HUN, YOU GO TOO FAR.
CHI-HU AND BU-HO MAY BE WEAKER THAN NAN-HUN, BUT WE ARE MONARCHS AND YOU ARE A PRINCESS.
Please, mind your manners!

Yes. You are right.
Since you are kings, I do apologize.
So...
The kings of Chi-Hu and Bu-Ho should apologize as well.
Flinch

Even from a weak country,
a king is still a king.

Announcing the Emperor of Dae-Hyun!

Hmmm
Ahem!
Tsk

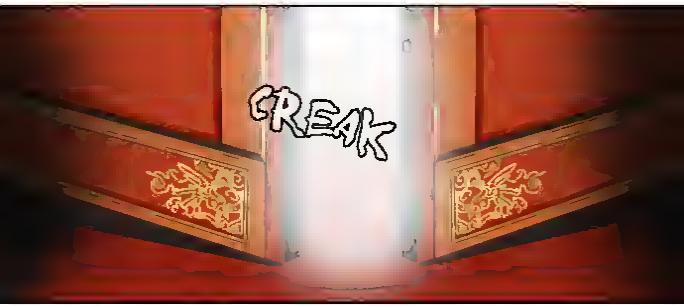
No-Woo, don't blow things out of proportion.
I wasn't helping you;
it was because I got angry.
Uh, I know that.

wink
Well, I enjoyed that.

rustle

DUN
DUN
DUN
DUN
DUN

Thank you for coming all the way over here.
I guess this is the first time I see you with my role as emperor.
The emperor of Dae-Hyun: Hyun-Joo
I am Dae-Hyun's emperor.
Hyun-Joo.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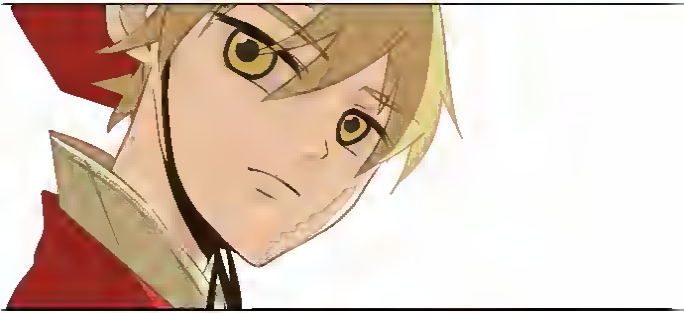
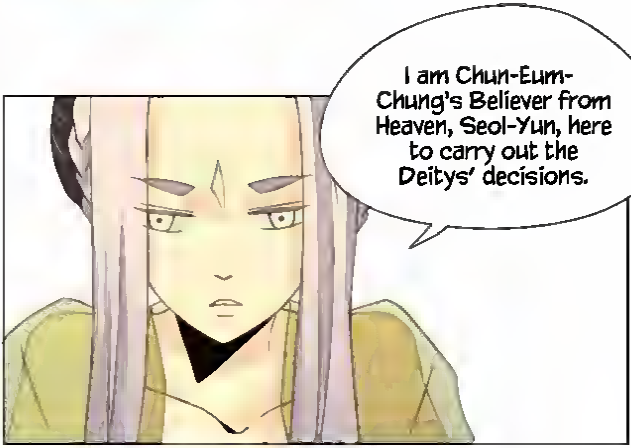
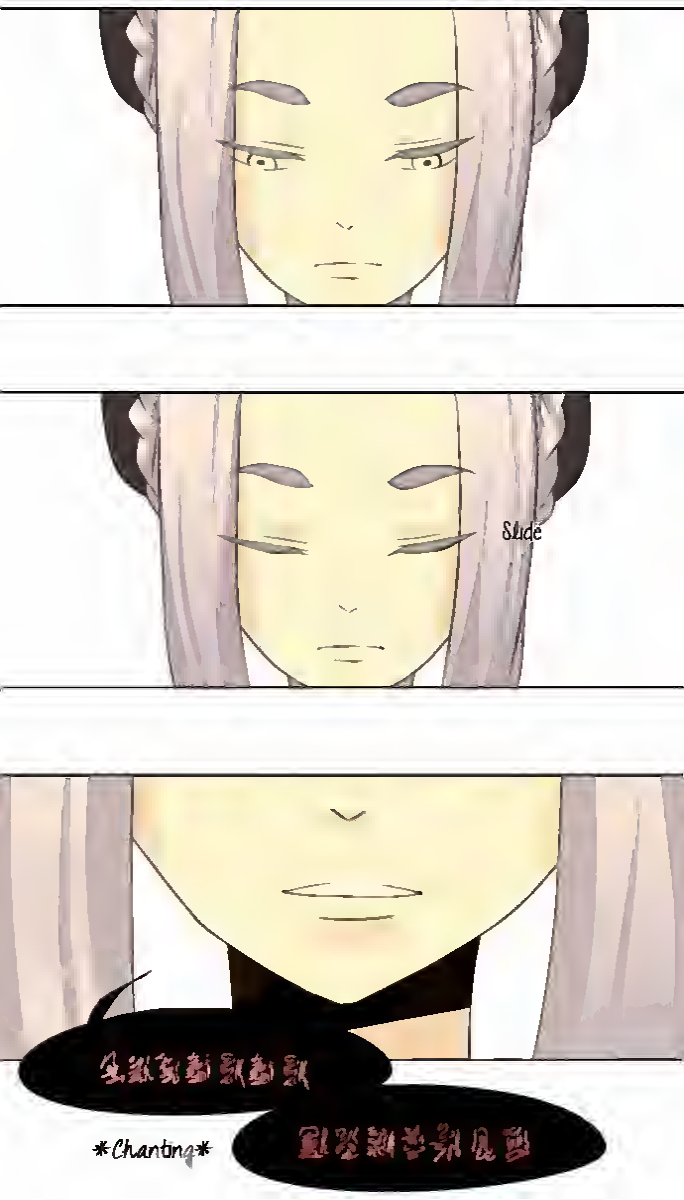



I am Chun-Eum-Chung's Believer from Heaven, Seol-Yun, here to carry out the Deitys' decisions.


Slide
Chanting

T/N: THE GLYPHS WITH BLACK BACKGROUND REPRESENT SOME TYPE OF ARCHAIC CHINESE.

F
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a
t
s...

Whoosh...

ssss

hands

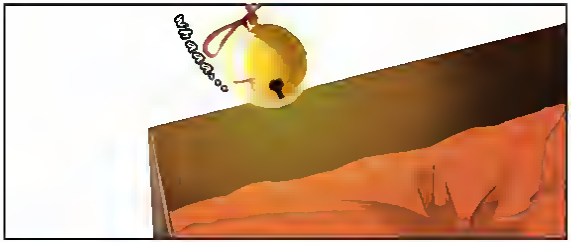
The first Divine Bell has returned to the emperor of Dae-Hyun.

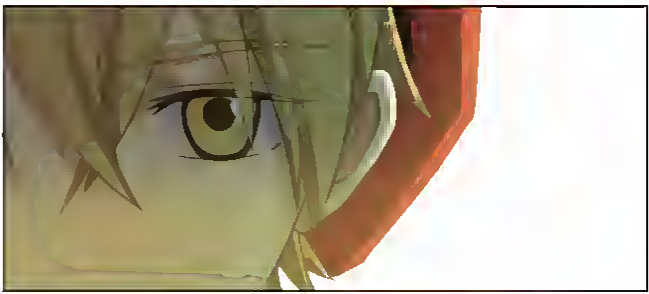
whoooo...

whoosh...

lands

The second Divine Bell
has also returned to the emperor of Dae-Hyun.
I came all the way here, just to see that.


ゆらゆら…



Divine... Bell...

It has no power other than choosing its master.

Yet this determines the power of

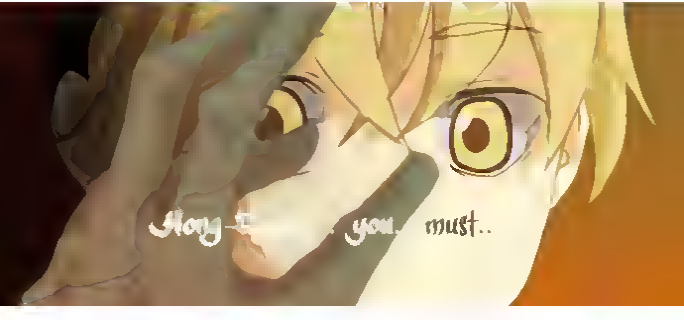
a country.

We were passed over again.

Do we have to change our king?

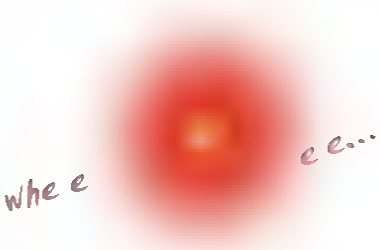
We are considered a weak country due to this.

You... must be chosen


Hong [illegible] you... must..

What is a Divine Bell?

It is just a device to justify ranking the countries?!



Is that what
you really
think?

Chaa
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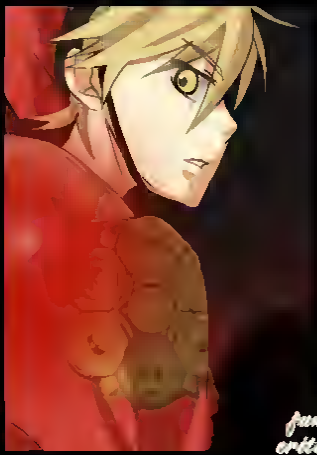
You really think that it is nothing more than a ball?

spins


What a
funny guy —
criticizing when
you should
respect us.

Red light?

But...
Who are you?

That's weird. More than 100 years have passed, but still...
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shines...
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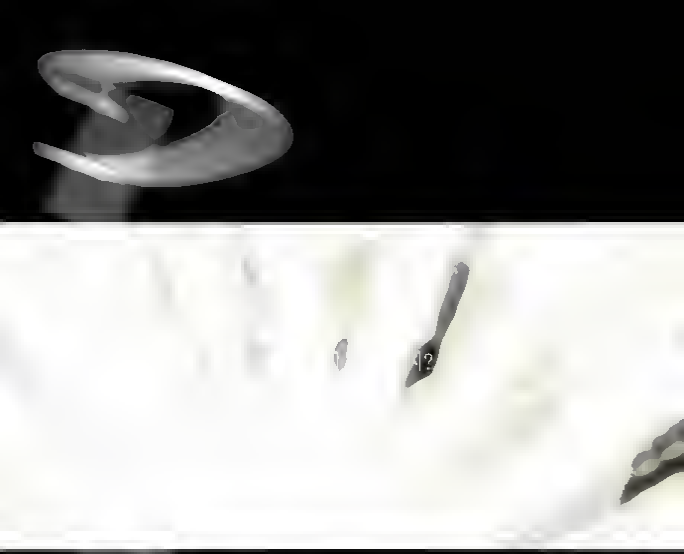
Ugh!
S
Why is it from this kind of kid...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...Ryung

..Hong-Ryung

HongRyung!

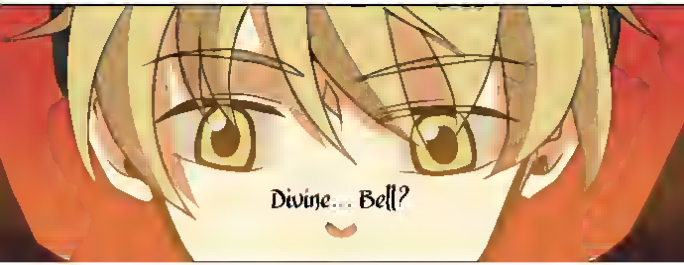
No-Woo?

What are you doing? Has the surprise made you lose your mind?

?
Look in front of you. Look!!

glance
.. In front?

Ding...


Divine... Bell?

What... what is
How can this...

Hong-Ryung!
grip
whisper
Aren't you going to take it?

ssss

lands

shake
shake
What are you doing?
You have to announce.
...
Clench
The last Divine Bell...

...has gone
to the king of
Myung-Joo.

CRACK

When the First Stone cracks,
the spirit will be ready to wake up.

Reach
Even though it is...
S S S S...

...the end of the world.

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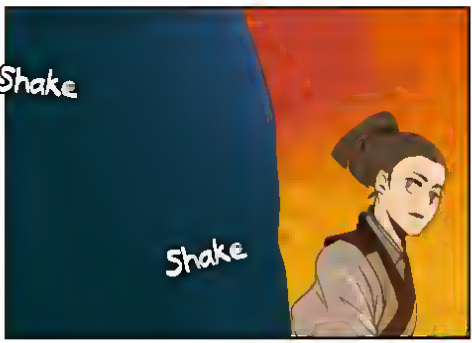

Shake
Shake

What do you find so funny, my lord?
Ku
Ku
Ku

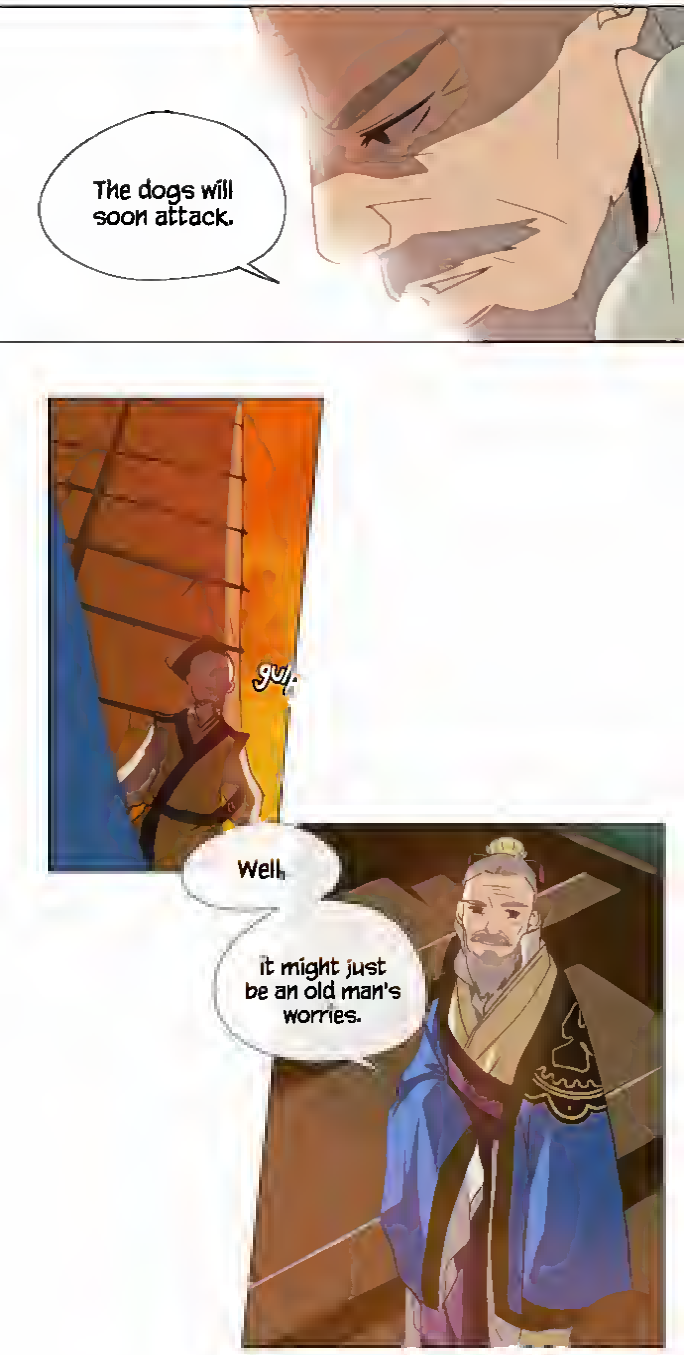
Ku hu.
Isn't it funny?
When a Divine Bell of the strongest country chose one that had been so scorned—
recalling the shocked faces of the other kings when it happened...
Ku hu hu
Ahhh...
Ahem
Anyways, I am a little concerned.
Concerned?
?

For us to be chosen by a Divine Bell,
the previous master must die.

Only then can a new owner be selected.
Does that mean...

...that someone could try to kill the King of Myung-Joo?

The Divine Bell went to a country...
powerless to retaliate even if their king is assassinated.


The dogs will soon attack.
gu!
Well,
it might just be an old man's worries.

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Divine Bells

Chapter 3: Enemies in All Directions

How do you feel?

...

...About what?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING CHOSEN BY THE DIVINE BELL?!

Well, I don't feel anything special.
YOU DON'T FEEL ANYTHING SPECIAL?
IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME BEING CHOSEN BY A DIVINE BELL! BE HAPPIER!
You idiot!

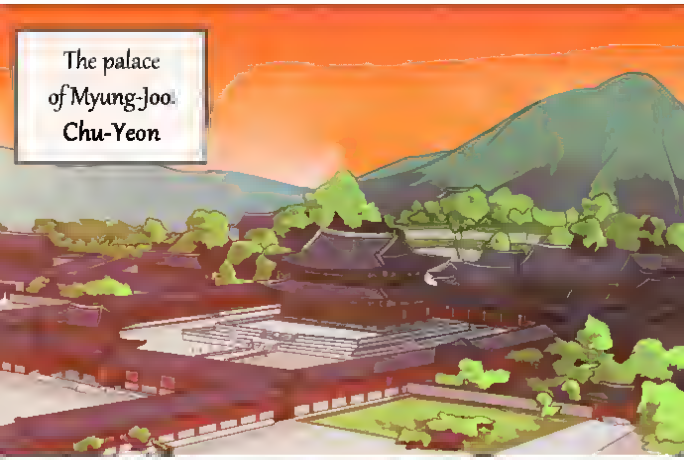
...

There's no point in talking to you.
I'd rather talk to a wall.

But No-Woo, why are you following me,
leaving most of your servants behind?

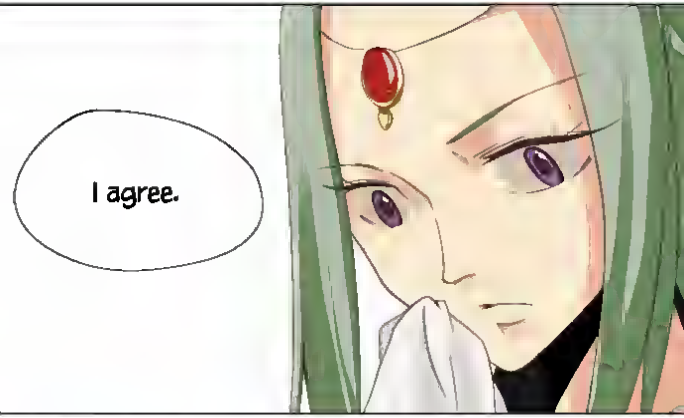
Aren't you returning to Nan-Hun?

Whoa
?
There's going to be something fun to watch, so why would I miss it?


The palace of Myung-Joo.
Chu-Yeon

My Lord!
Congratulations.
The late king's concubine:
Lady Chui-Bi.

To be chosen by the Divine Bell, can there be anything better?
Thank you, Lady Chui-Bi.
This is all thanks to the blessings of the late king.
If the late king were to witness this moment, he would've been so happy, so proud to have such a son.
Wipe


I agree.

Turn

I...
see that the Princess No-Woo also came.

I must celebrate such a joyous event with you.
After all, I am a childhood friend of the King of Myung-Joo.
I am glad that His Majesty has good friends.
I, Chui-Bi, will make sure that Your Highness's stay here is comfortable, so...

...please enjoy your stay.

A ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!!

Ha ha ha ha!! Ha Ha

Haa... Kuu...

WHUMP WHUMP

Ha ha ha ha!

flail flail flail

No-Woo, knock off the laughing already.

Ha ha! Kuu...

Her face? Did you see her face?

"I'm trying to mash my face into a calm expression."
Squ
ish

Is that why you wanted to come here
without returning to your land to make your report as royal emissary?
I told the foreign minister to report for me, so it's all right.

If you have nothing else to say, return to the room Lady Chiu-Bi has prepared.

Slide

Stand

Hyong-Ryung, it seems like you stopped growing some time ago.

Although I've grown this tall already!!
Ha Ha Ha Ha
I already know that, so why don't you hurry up and get out?
measure
And I wondered what you were going to say...

Is it because of what happened a year ago?

Look up

...

Sorry!!
I'll just shut up now!
I'll be leaving now!

restraint
Hmmm
restraint
restraint

I know they ignored it because of that talented brother of yours,

but it shouldn't have been overlooked.

Because of that, a year ago...

...you nearly died.

...

The culprit still hasn't been found.

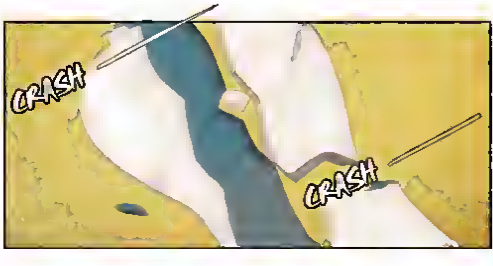
Smile

Just ask any dog walking around.

Anyone can see that it's the work of Chui-Bi

close

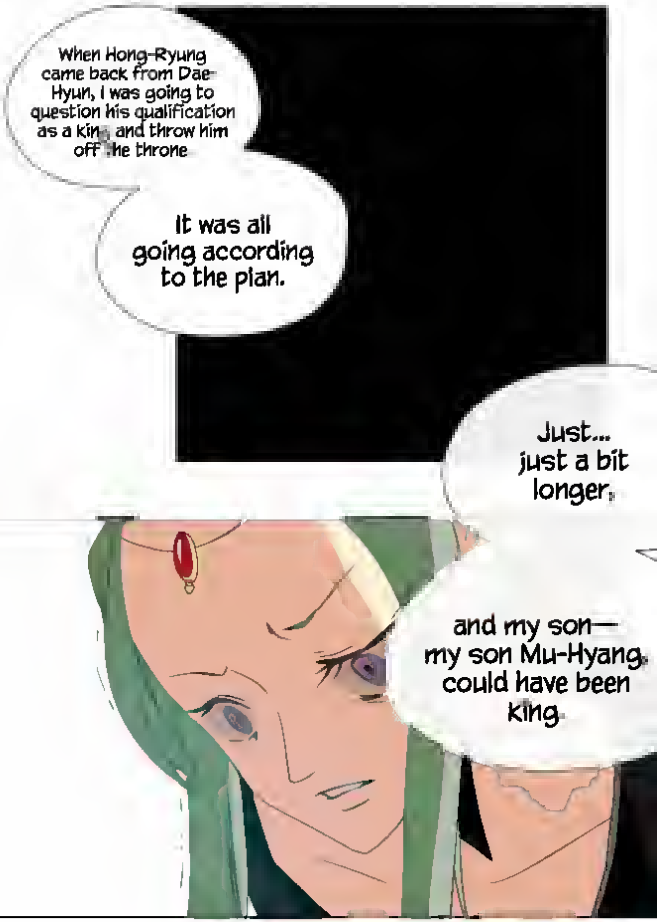
The mansion of Lady Chui-Bi


CRASH
CRASH

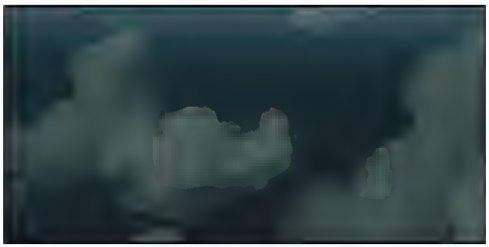
My lady, please calm down.

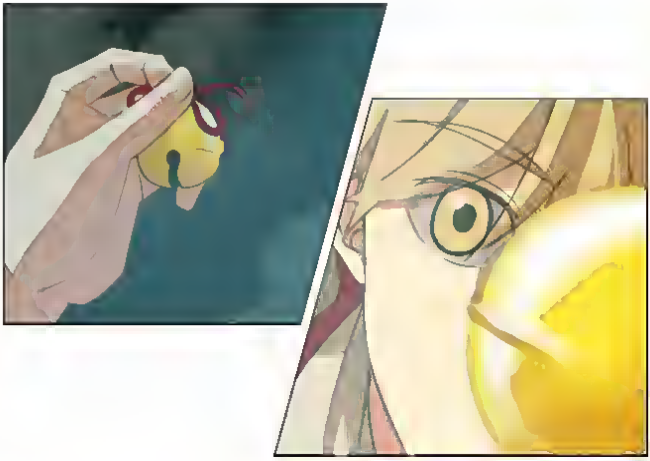
MY SON IS THE SUPERIOR CANDIDATE FOR THE CROWN!!
IT'S SOMETHING EVERYONE ACCEPTS!

BUT—
clench
WHY?!
WHY DID THE DIVINE BELL CHOOSE A WEAK, USELESS THING LIKE HIM?!
My lady, please lower your voice.


When Hong-Ryung came back from Dae-Hyun, I was going to question his qualification as a king and throw him off the throne
It was all going according to the plan.
Just... just a bit longer.
and my son— my son Mu-Hyang could have been king.

Why the Divine Bells had to choose him right now...

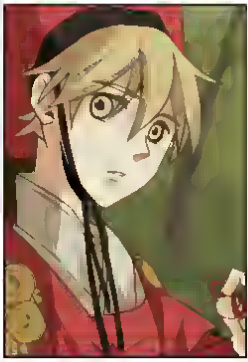




Is that what you really think?
Red light?
?
That's weird. More than 100 years have passed, but still...
shines...
uah
Why is it from this kind of kid..

What was that?
Noise?
What noise did you hear?
Hmmm
Who knows? I I didn't hear anything myself!

It was certainly a voice.



Mu-Hyang hyeong-nim?

Congratulations, my lord.

Aren't you pleased? You became the first king of Myung-Joo chosen by a Divine Bell.
Why is your face so gloomy?

Is it something to be happy about?
Now we can stand up to all the other countries that have considered Myung-Joo weak,
and at the same time, you got a powerful weapon that can silence those who oppose you...

...my mother included.

It would be better if you don't go near my mother.
Even I find it terrifying to approach her.
I had to retreat after trying to approach her

Does a bell like this have that much power?
...

Do you want to come with me...

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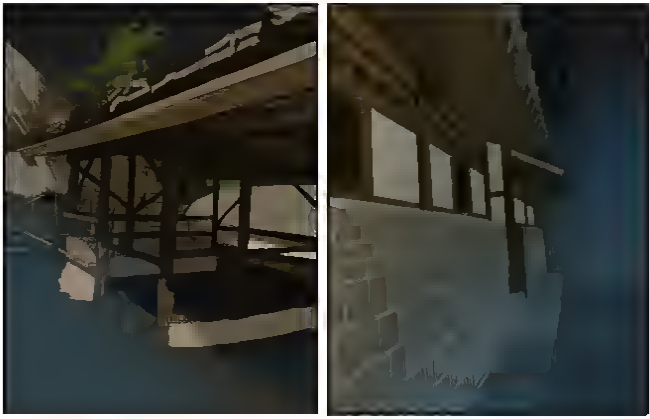


No-Woo.

How did you know to follow us?
I planted some of my men in Chu-Yeon Palace

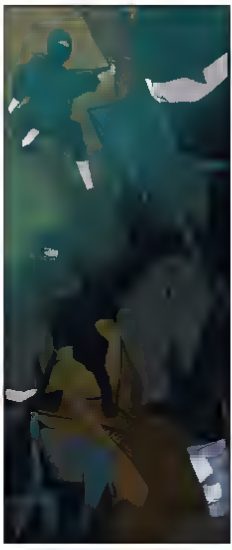
Anyways, to sneak out of the palace with Chui-Bi's son without any escorts —
that's quite careless of you, Hong-Ryung

It looks like Princess No-Woo still doesn't like me.
I just like one thing about you: you notice things quickly.
No-Woo, go back to the palace if you're going to speak like that
My point isn't who you were with, but the fact that you two came out alone.
Why didn't you take some escorts, just in case something happens?

They're annoying.
Don't you think so, too?
Ah, I agree with that

I will protect His Highness, so please don't be concerned.
I will protect the Princess as well, of course.

Somehow, it
ticks me off.
No-Wait
Yeah, yeah
I'll be quiet.



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Chapter 4 Enemies in All Directions (2)

BOOM
BOOM

Ha ha
Ha ha
Ha ha

Did something happen?
Why is there a festival?
Ha ha ha
Ha ha

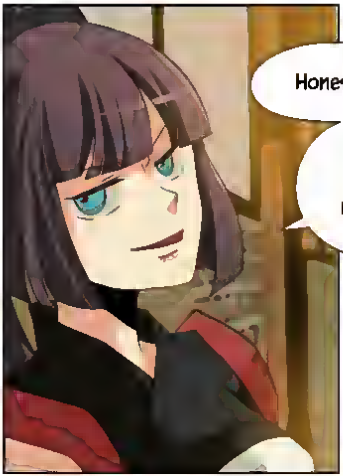
Something big certainly happened.
?

Didn't the King get chosen by a Divine Bell?
...

Ha ha
You asked me before, if being chosen by the Divine Bells was something to be happy about.
Thanks to you, everyone is enjoying themselves. Isn't that enough?
So your Highness should be delighted as well.
All these people are joyful for the first time in a while, thanks to you.
Everyone is celebrating because you were chosen by the Divine Bells.

And my lord will become happy looking at the people.
Ha ha
Ha ha

Your acting is really superb.


Honest?
And why would an honest person still remain in the palace?

You should know that Chui-Bi is only using you as an excuse to stay there.

"My lord needs someone to talk to, so why doesn't my son, Mu-Hyang, stay in the palace."
Using an excuse that doesn't even make sense!
Even more annoying is that Hong-Ryung accepted that suggestion.

When the late king passed away, his concubine should have been expelled from the palace.
You should've been kicked out, too.
Please sell it for 5 Taels.
Sell it for half price?!
Of course. But you know Chui-Bi was plotting...
to make you King.
fidget
fidget
So how can I believe you, when you know all these things, yet you still remain in the palace?

I don't have any thoughts of being the King.

TURNS
?

Don't have any thoughts of becoming the King?
Grasp
Then...
Conk
Ugh!

What are you thinking?
Ma'am that was really painful.

Why do you doubt me so much?

Intuition.

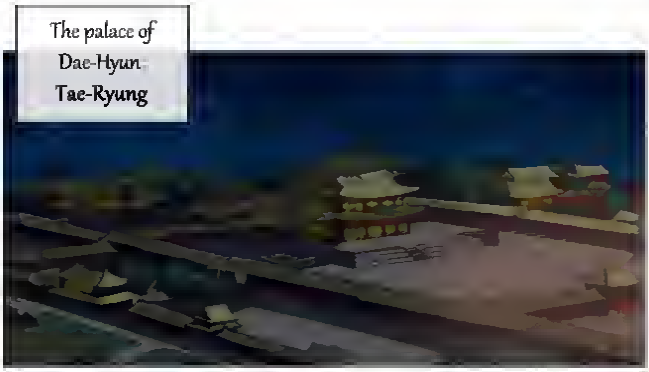
T/N: VISUAL PUN: IN KOREAN, INTUITION = "GAM" = PERSIMMON

However, aren't you too close?

What?
I'm a guy, you know...
What are you saying?
Princess, you don't know what I'm saying, do you?
Are you making fun of me?
I don't really get it though

PULL AWAY
Crap!
Yank

Gone.
What's gone?
You didn't lose that much hair
Scatter
The king isn't there.
No sale today, dither.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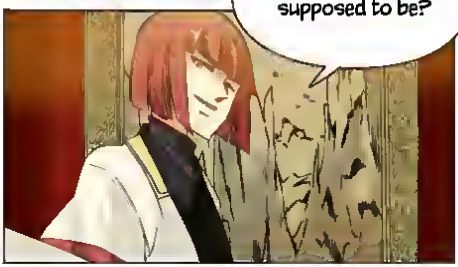
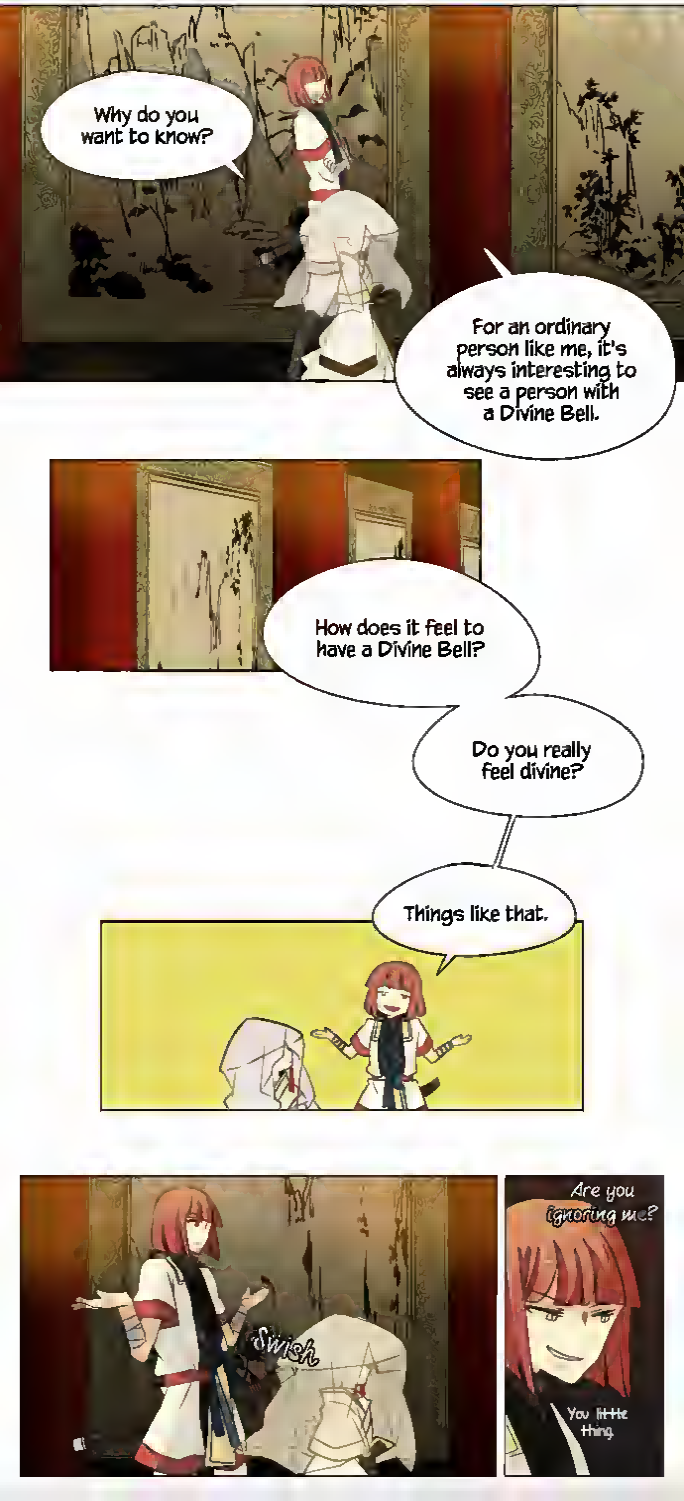
Slide

Unni,
the Emperor is
looking for you.

I heard that you're small because the Divine Bells stopped your growth.


How old are you supposed to be?

...


Why do you want to know?
For an ordinary person like me, it's always interesting to see a person with a Divine Bell.
How does it feel to have a Divine Bell?
Do you really feel divine?
Things like that.
Swish
Are you ignoring me?
You little thing.

150.

What?
CREAK

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OLD??!!
You're not an inn, you're an ancestor
Welcome.
Pest.
Why that little

555

You might regret it.

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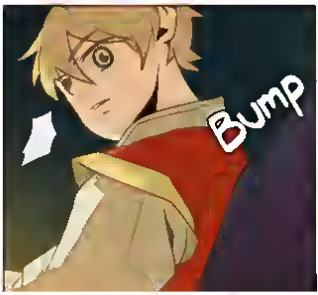
Why...

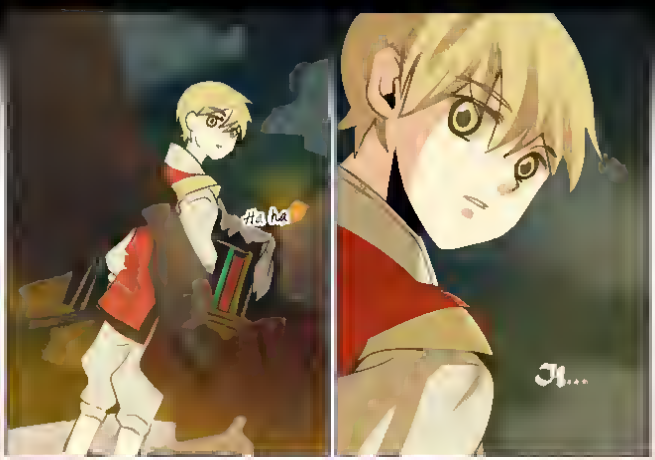
It worries me if they're together by themselves
NAG
growl
NAG
growl
No-Woo will


Bump

Ooops, sorry about that kid.
Ha ha

You got drunk?
I can't help it. I'm in [illegible] mood.

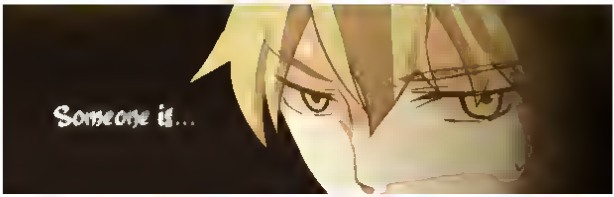
All these people are joyful for the first time in a while, thanks to you.
Everyone is celebrating because you were chosen by the Divine Bells.
And my Lord will become happy looking at the people.



that really enough?

RUSTLE

turn
spun


Someone is...

...following me.

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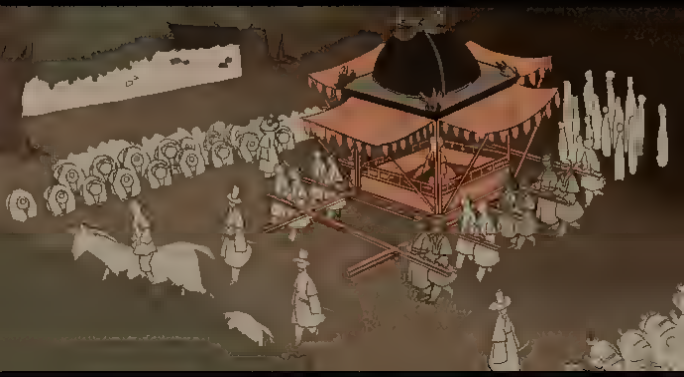


blush
Hi, hi!

What are you doing?
You might get punished!!
drink!

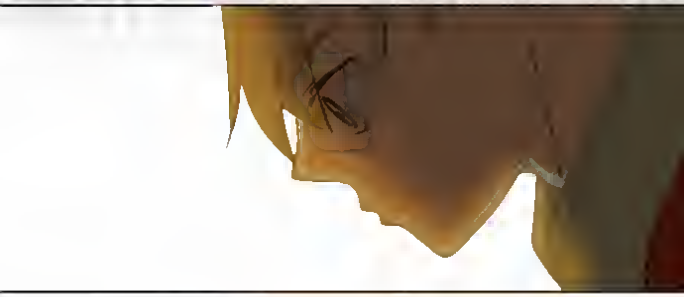
look u
You again!!

slash

WE MUST GET OUR LORD TO SAFETY!!

clash
clash
WHO THE HELL ARE THESE GUYS!!
Touch
MY LORD! YOU NEED TO RUN AWAY.

MY LORD!!



clench
I...

step
I need to get ..

...away from everyone.

run
run
run
run

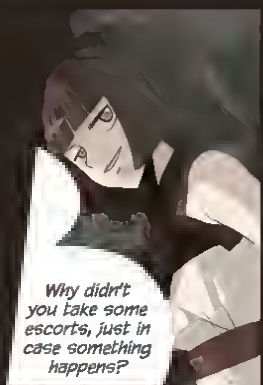
Lean

Huff
Huff

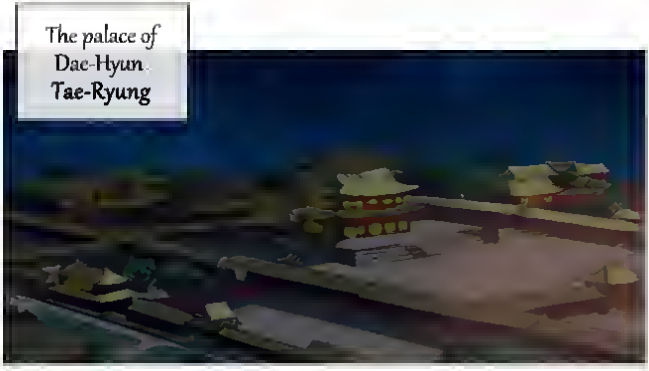
step
step
step

hurt
hurt

Why now...


Why didn't you take some escorts, just in case something happens?

Do I remember No-Woo's words?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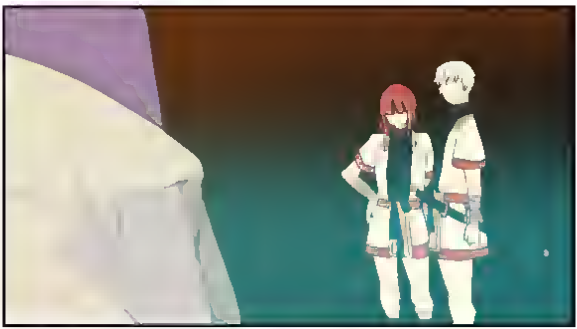
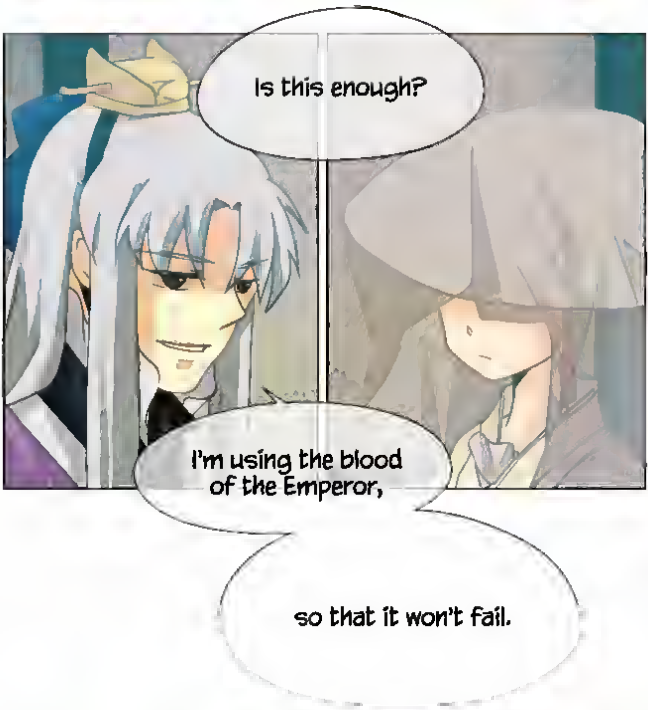


place

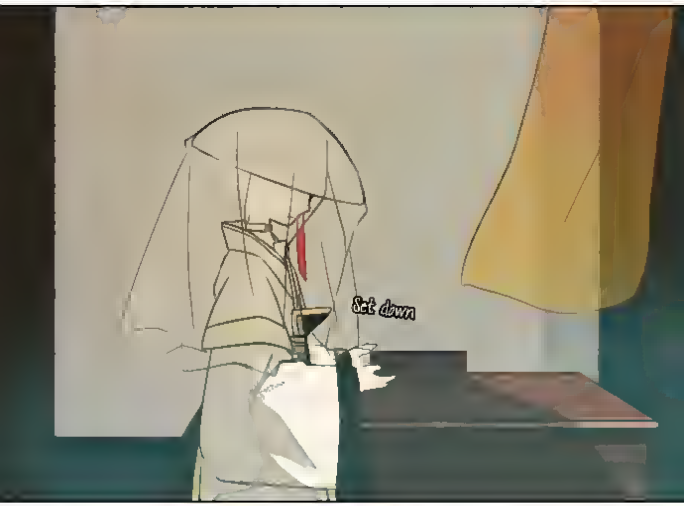
clench

drip

drip


Is this enough?
I'm using the blood of the Emperor,
so that it won't fail.

rustle



Chanting

T/N: THE GLYPHS WITH BLACK BACKGROUND REPRESENT SOME TYPE OF ARCHAIC CHINESE

If we search separately, who knows what you would do to Hong-Ryung?

...Understood. We'll search together, then.

One.
Two.
Three.
Four.
Five... Six...
There are around ten people.
Who sent them?
YAAAA!
clang

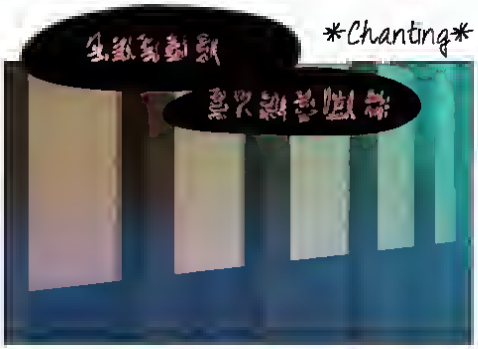
clench

slash

drop

Stance
How long... can I last?
I'm not that good with swords
I'll pretend I'm not intimidated.
jump
CLANG
HAI YA!
jump

tap
SKID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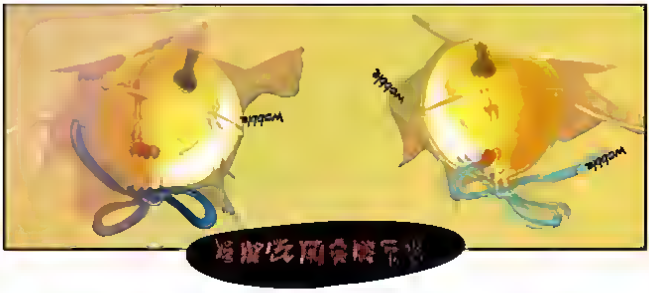
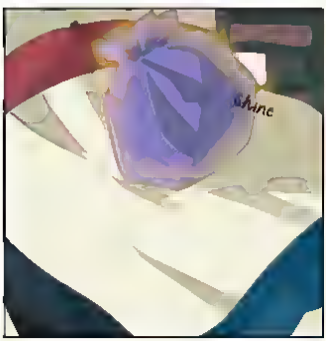
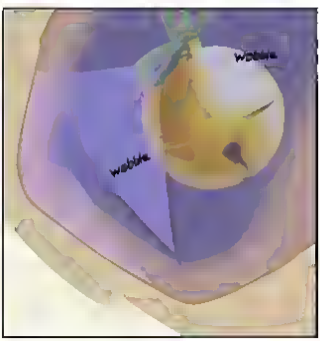
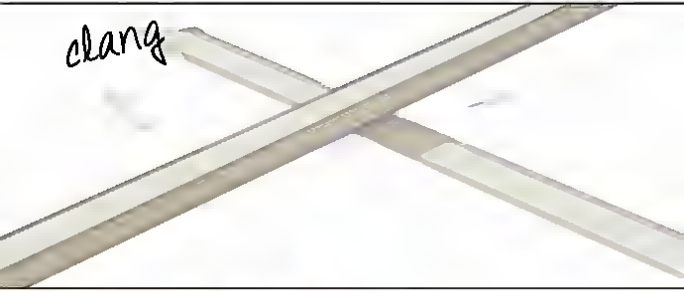

WOOO

HONG-RYUNG!!

HONG-RYUNG!!
HONG-RYUNG!!

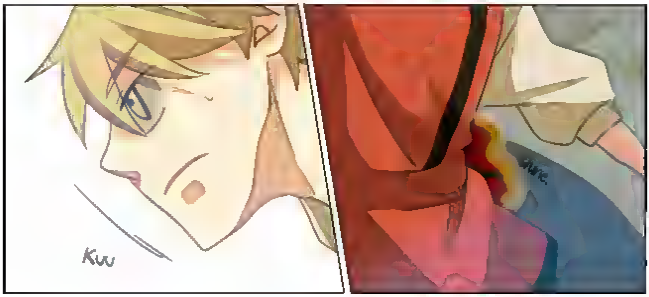

shine


wobble
wobble


clang

slash

turn


Kuu
Hare.

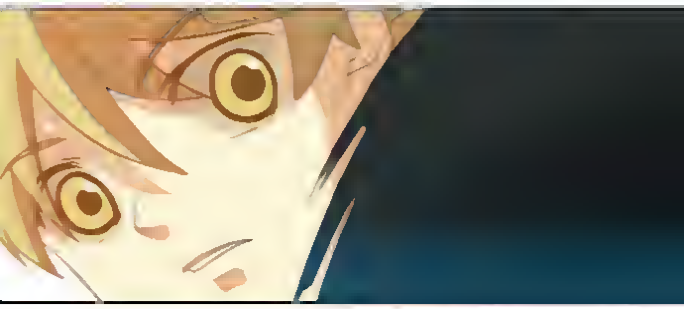
YAAAA!
Whoa!

grip

SH

Damn!
cover up

A glyph?
dash



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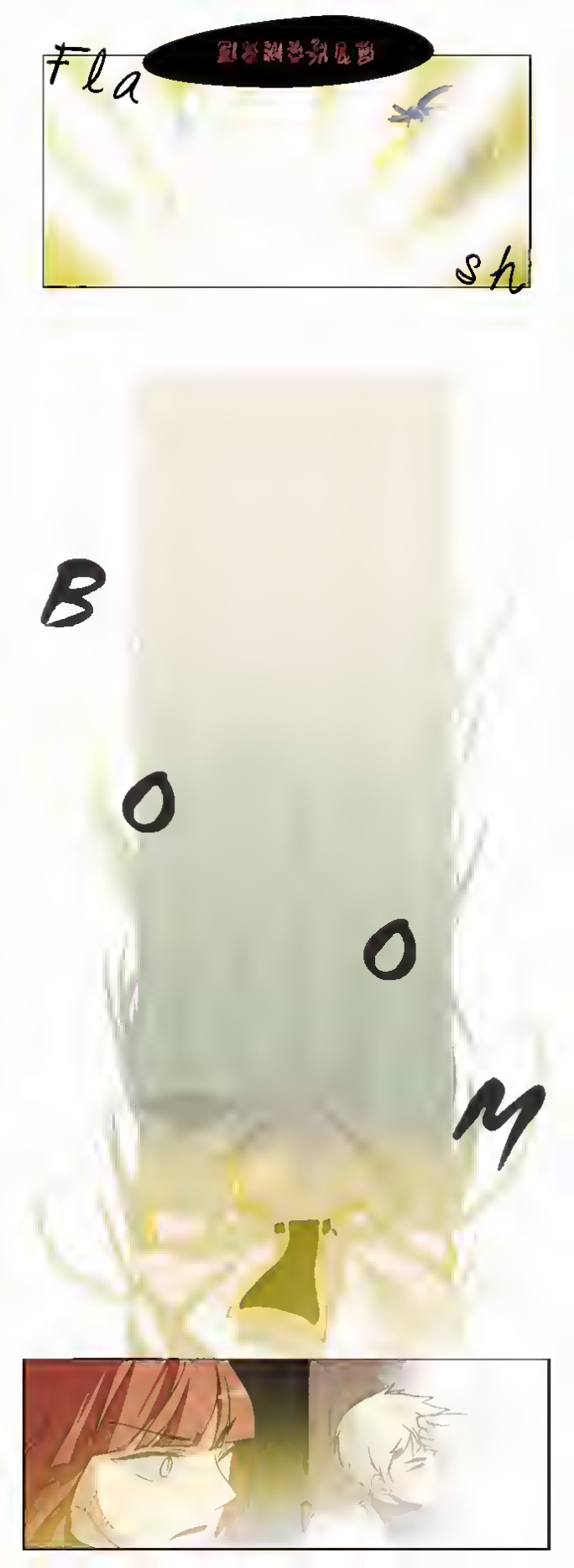
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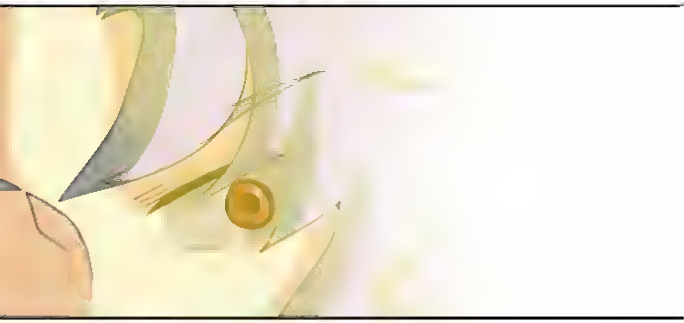
sh
B
O
O
M

Squint



Fall

It hurts...

prop

Shine

?

...Light?

YAAAAA!!!!

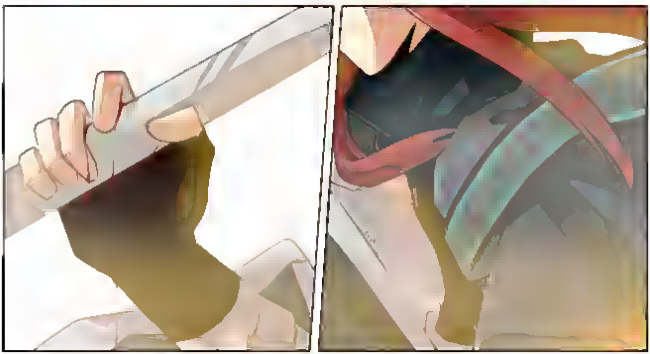
Damn

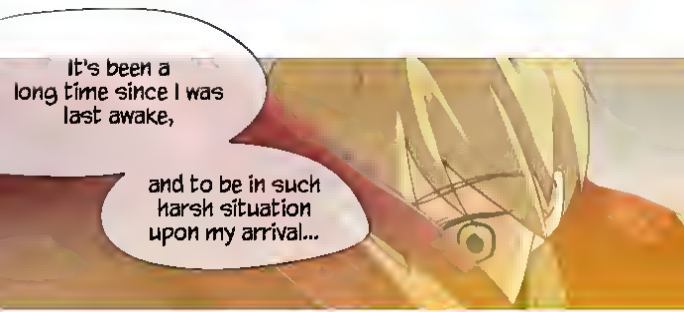
slash

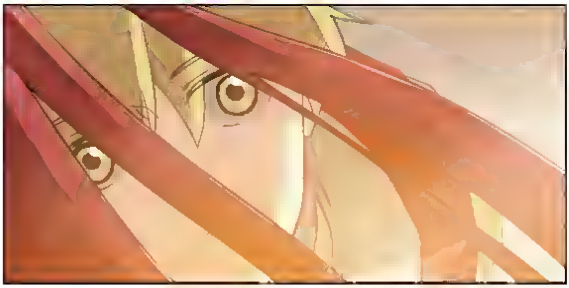
Нан.
На на...

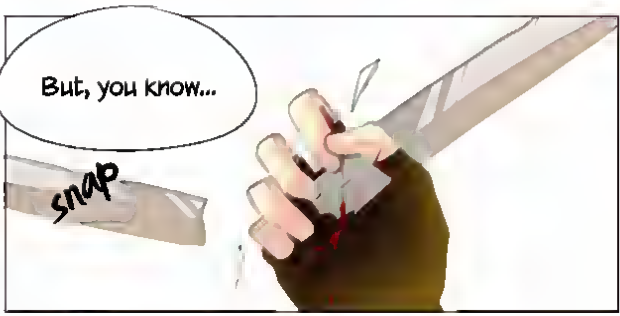
HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA!!
HA HA!!
I KNEW I WAS RIGHT!!
I WASN'T WRONG!!
I...
...was not wrong!!

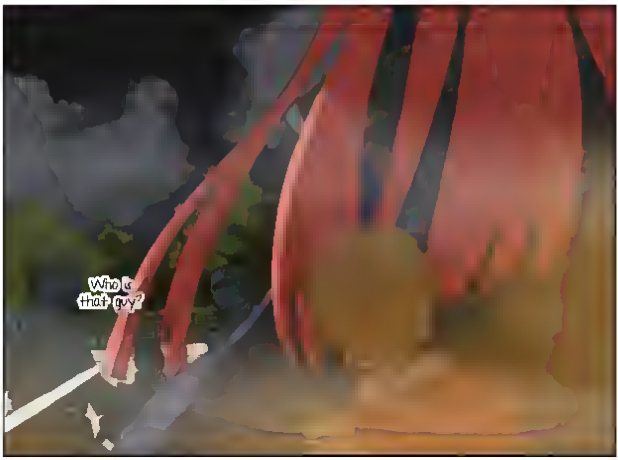
drip




It's been a long time since I was last awake,
and to be in such harsh situation upon my arrival...




But, you know...
snap


Who is that guy?

The harsh situation...

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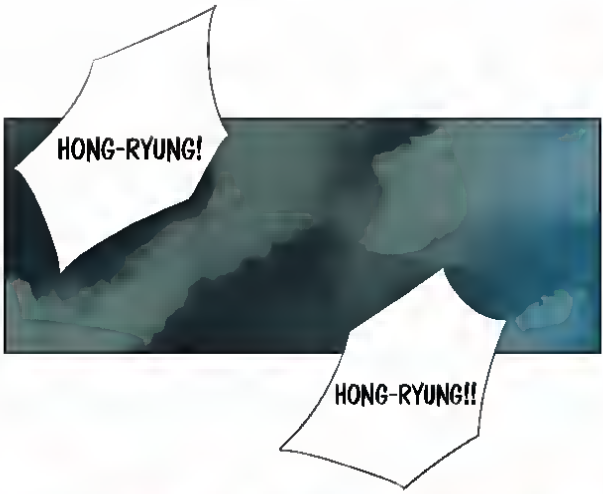
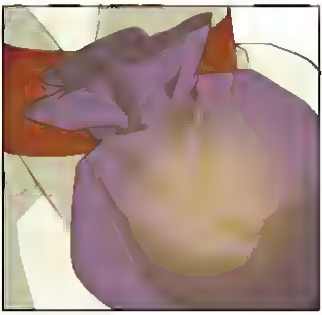

HONG-RYUNG!
HONG-RYUNG!!

Where the hell did he go?

My Lady...
GRRR
What?

There's a light.

Ehh?



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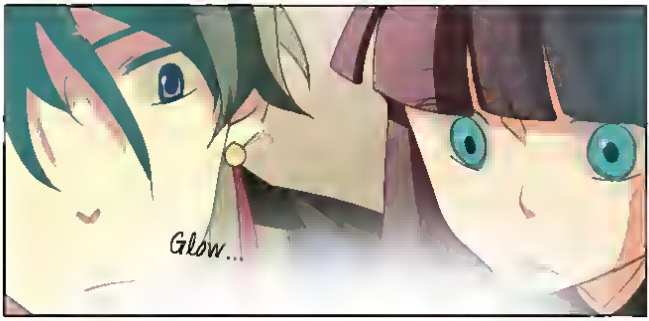
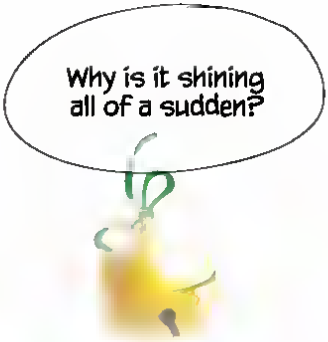
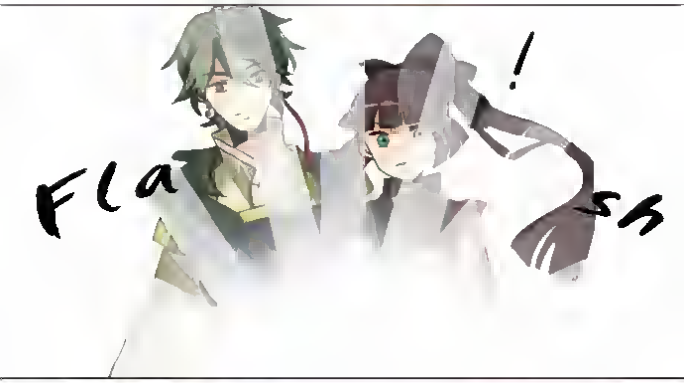
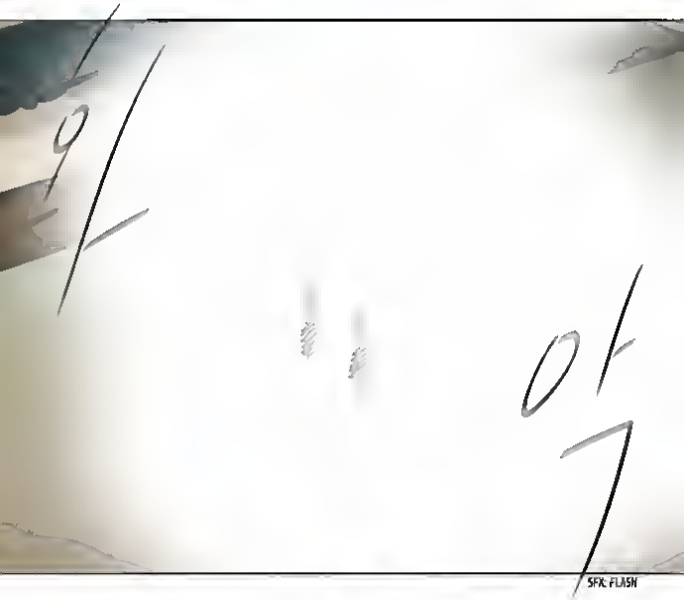

Glow...


Why is it shining all of a sudden?


Fla
!
sh

What is this?!

Wha-?


9
0f
7
SFX: FLASH

ふふふ…

Open..

SEX STATE

Whoooaaaaa!!!
stinch

Where did you come from?
You're really loud

Ah, why did I...

My Lady, on that kid's head.

shake
...Divine Bell?
shake
Whoooosh
You!

..!..

What is that?

...

Gang-Hui?

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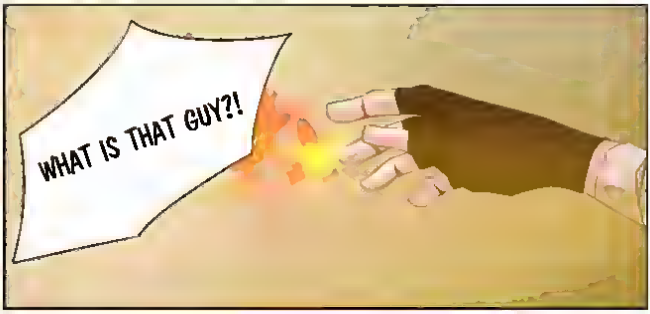

WHAT IS THAT GUY?!

FLAMES ARE SHOOTING OUT FROM HIS HAND!!

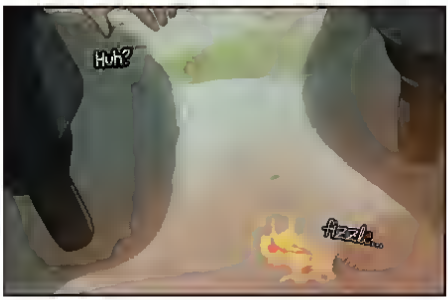
Heh

Is it divine powers?
But it's a human?

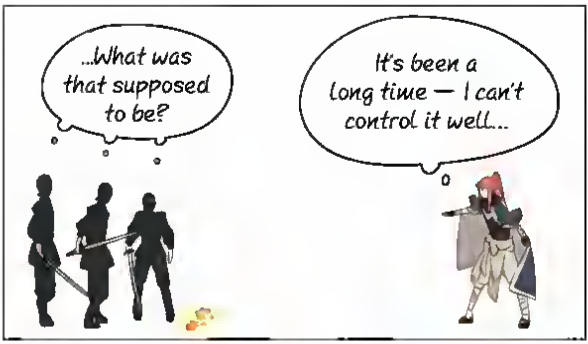
What should we do?
...

WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED, YOU WIMPS?
WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR A FIGHT?

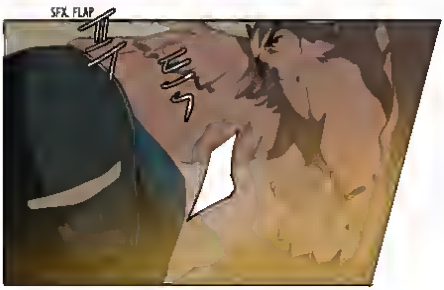
SFX. WHOOOSHH



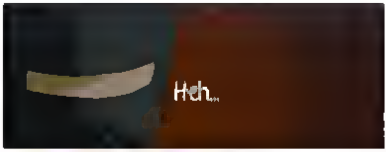
Damn.


...What was that supposed to be?
It's been a long time — I can't control it well...

How fucking embarrassing.
All right, you guys! The next one is for real!


SFX. FLAP

We're retreating.
What? But...!
Bring it on!
You guys can't handle him.
It would've been better to steal it before it awoke. But it's enough to just confirm that they're awake.


Hch...

SFX. SWOOSH SWOOSH SWOOSH SWOOSH

Running away?
I was wondering what to do, but they settled that question

I really need to practice
Swing
Swing

Flash

SFX TURN

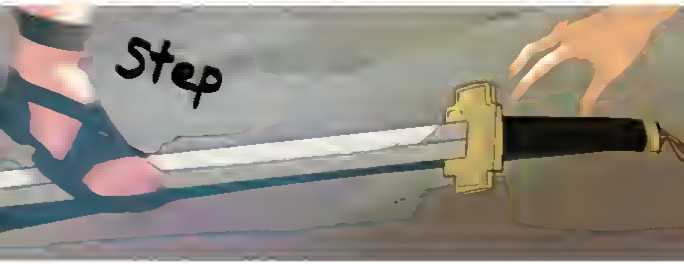
Aren't you an ungrateful kid?

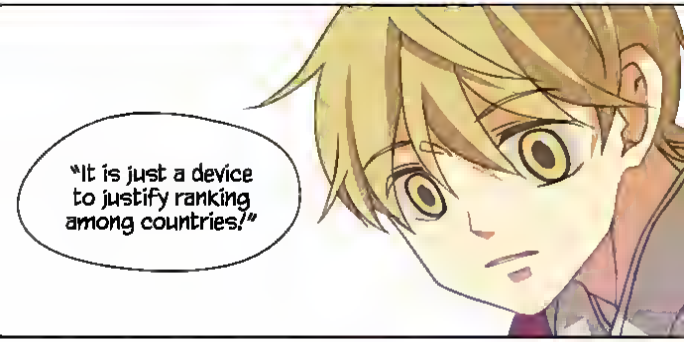
I saved your life, and now you're holding a sword to my throat.

Because of you...

...I got injured like this.
Shut up, you thief.
Shut up?
Thief?
Me?
Tsuah

You should not be taking something like that. Give it back now.
What is this?
SFX KICK
drop
Dang





That's what you said.

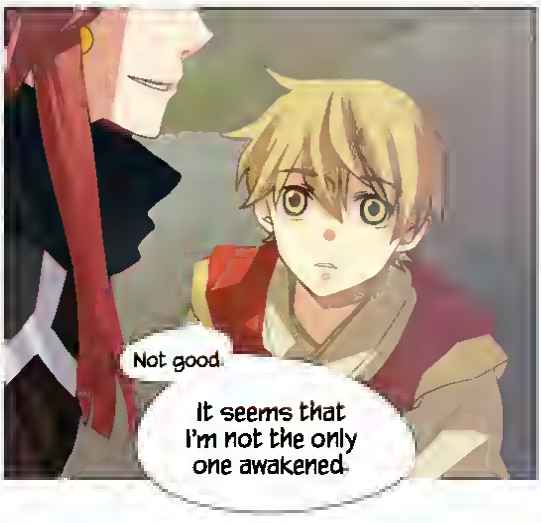
I thought you didn't really care, but now it seems that you actually want it back?
This voice...
HONG-RYUNG!!!

No-Woo...
He's safe.
Mu-Hyang hyeong-nim
...
Who?
Ah!

GANG-HUI!!

I KNEW IT WAS GANG-HUI!!
That kid...

On his head – a Divine Bell?

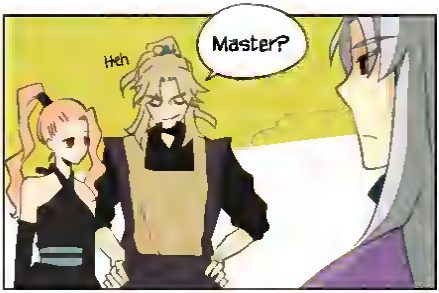

Not good.
It seems that I'm not the only one awakened.

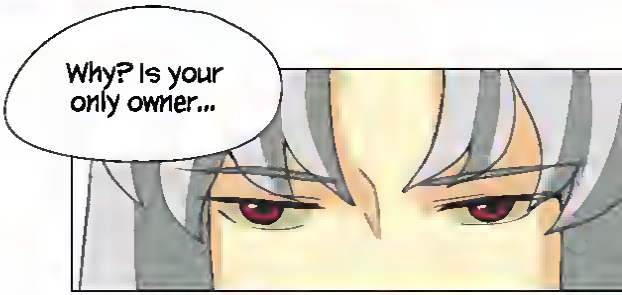
What crazy bastard woke us up?

What are your names?

Before we answer, tell us why you broke the seal.

Don't be so secretive.
Am I...
not your master?


Heh
Master?


Why? Is your only owner...

...Ga-Bi, and Ga-Bi alone?
!

Divine Bell, you say?
I never heard of them taking human forms.
Of course, you haven't heard of it.
We erased all records when we were confined in the Bells long ago.
Records in books, records in images,
and records in people's thoughts. That is...

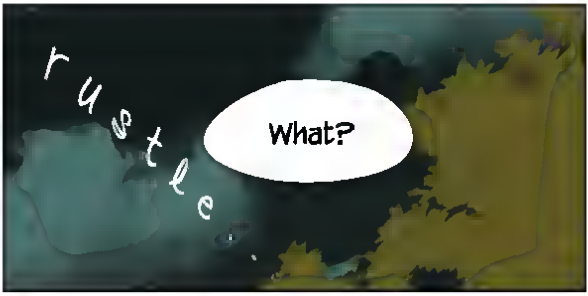
SFX. POINT

...memories, as well.

Who did such a thing?
The Divine Bells?

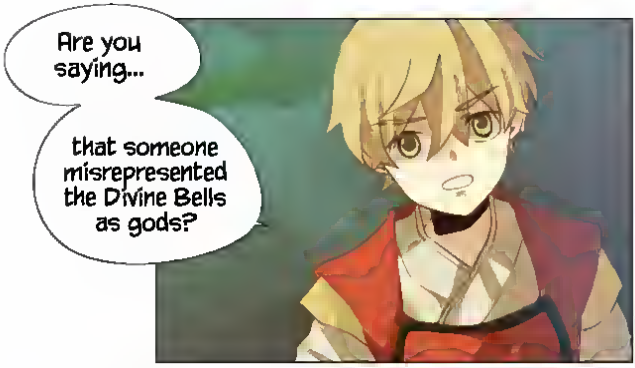
No. We don't have such strength.
But you're gods. Are you telling me that some person can do things a god cannot do?

Do you really think that we're gods?


rustle...
What?

Then again, humans only believe what they want to believe.
And, for the sake of their beliefs...

...they manipulate many things.


Are you saying...
that someone misrepresented the Divine Bells as gods?

If you aren't gods,

Then, what are you?

I only wish to determine one thing:

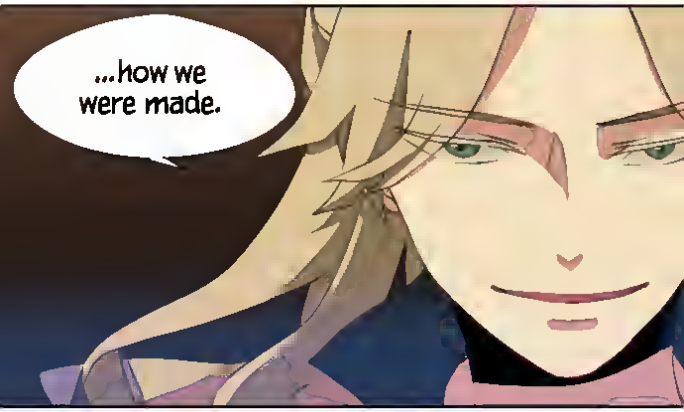
Ga-Bi's location.

You freed us to learn that?

Ah, now I understand why you unsealed us...
You probably envy Ga-Bi's strength.

We don't know anything: Ga-Bi's location,

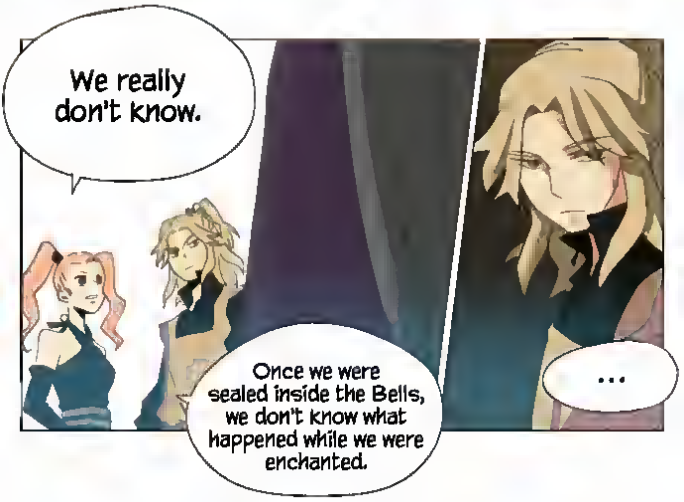
why we were confined, nor...



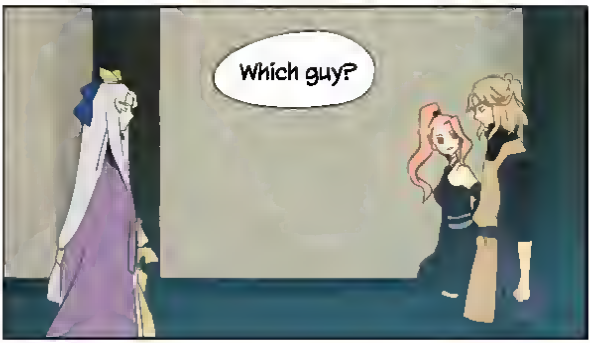
It looks like you broke the seal to find Ga-Bi and get her strength, but it's too bad.
We don't know anything.
And Ga-Bi is only a human.
I'm not quite sure how long we were bound, but I'm sure at least a century has passed.
Do you really think a human can be alive after a century?

Someone who was said to have so much divine power, should be immortal...

I shall ask once more.



However, one guy might know something.
YUN!!


Which guy?

The one inside the Bell with the red string.

Red string...?

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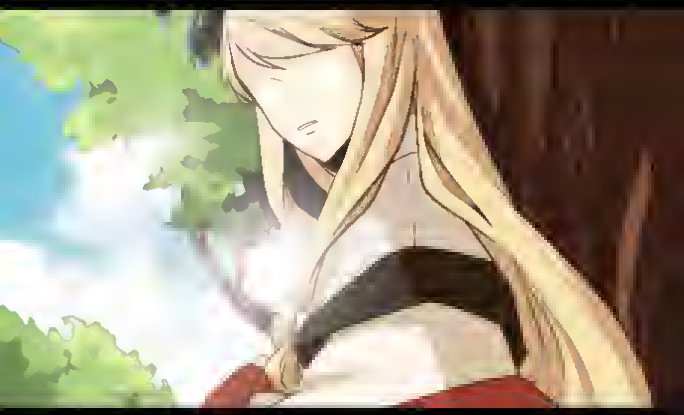

You caught me. Usually, nobody can find me up here.
grip
How did she get up there in that outfit?

Isn't it spectacular?
It's something I always feel. Tae-Ryung is so big and beautiful.

Even though I'm a bit afraid.

Then why don't we run away?
Escape during the night.
With the others, we might get caught because of the little kids
But we have two healthy males right?

Although Yun isn't that reliable.

...

I know. It's impossible.

To escape from here...
I wonder...

look up

...what do palaces look like in other countries?

Gang-Hui...

...Was your name?

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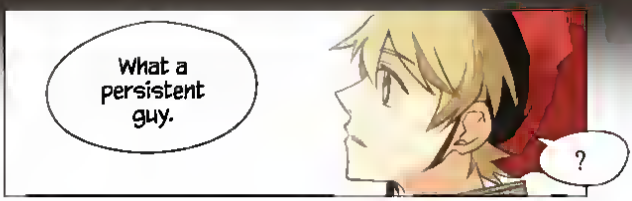
Chapter 7 Lies

What?
I want to ask something.
You didn't answer me yesterday.
If you aren't gods,
Then what are you?


What a persistent guy.
?

Look, if they ask you something like that, just ignore it.
Why?
SFX: LAND

"Being chosen by a Divine Bell is the same as being chosen by a god."
But if the Divine Bells aren't gods...
brush
brush

...doesn't that bring trouble to the king of a weak country?

Just enjoy it for now, thinking that you were picked by a god.
Anyways,...

Since we were all awakened...

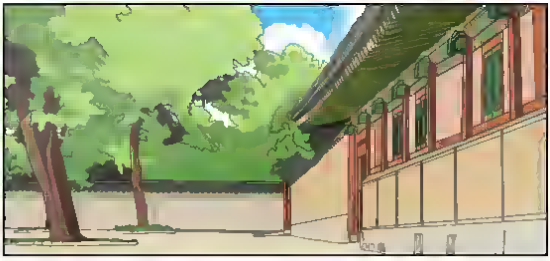
You'll find out soon enough.

Wh—
HONG-RYUNG!!!
SFX. YELL

Turn
OVER HERE!

Uh?

Waaa...



No-Woo, when are you going back?
Shouldn't you report to the King of Nan-Hun that the Divine Bells took human form?
Your mother is the master of the Divine Bell in the first place.
But that's
Tap
Excuse...
Huh?
Shh~

Anyways, we disregarded last night's attack because of the Divine Bells, but did you find out who the attackers were?
Disregarded...
It's not that easy to find them, you know.
Wasn't their timing too good? First Mu-Hyang took you outside the walls,
next, you wandered off by yourself. And then they appeared out of nowhere.
Mu-Hyang?
The guy from yesterday, about this tall, looks like a good guy, but wearing a fake smile.

Also, it wasn't just hyung-nim and I alone.

You also came along, and I got separated.

That's because that guy got on my nerves. It distracted me.

Are you taking his side in front of me?

Anyways, I'm more suspicious of Mu-Hyang than Chui-Bi. He's being too nice to you,
almost as if he's an actual birth brother. And too nice to others as well...

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE
- HYUNG. A FRIENDLY WAY OF ADDRESSING AN OLDER MAN OR AN OLDER BROTHER NEAR YOUR AGE IF YOU ARE A GUY
-NIM. A FORMAL RESPECTFUL WAY OF ADDRESSING SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU

A person like him is likely to be hiding sinister thoughts inside.
I completely agree with that.
The more sinister they are, and the darker they are...
to hide what's inside — they disguise themselves with a cloak of innocence.

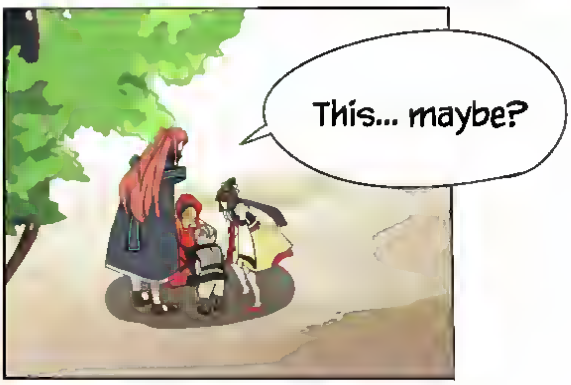
Bingo. This Divine Bell oppa speaks my language.
Unlike this boneheaded

Ah!

I saw their glyphs.
Don't change the subject
Glyphs?
Yeah, I was lucky enough to cut one guy's clothes and caught a glimpse of his tattoo.

It was something like...

sketch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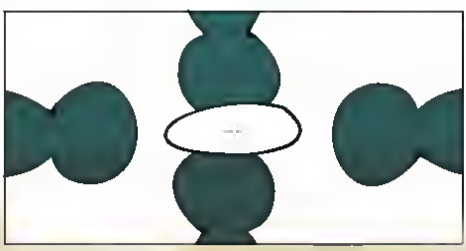
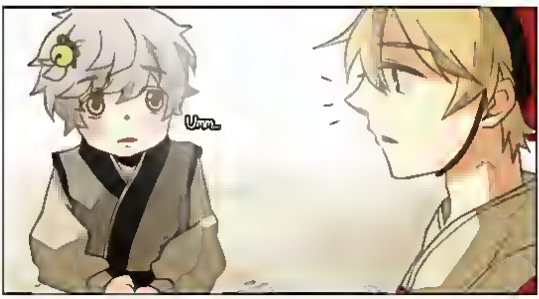


Scribbles

You said you were a king...
I thought all kings must have poetry and drawing skills. I can probably draw better using my feet.
Don't say that! Though you can't tell by looking, he's perfect at poetry! It's just that his drawing is far worse than his poetry!
What is this? A flower? A face..?
No-Woo... That doesn't make me feel any better.

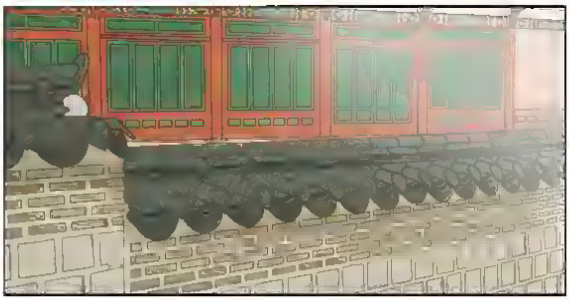

Umm..

IT – IT'S REALLY CREATIVE AND REALLY COOL!!
So cheer up!!!

You're the worst.
You!
conk
Oww

THAT'S RIGHT!
The Divine Bell oppa was shooting flames.

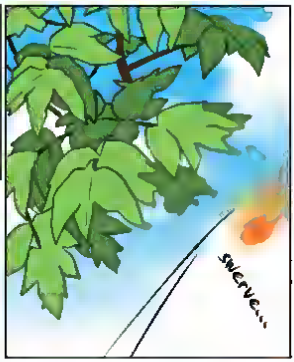
What can my Divine Bell do??
반짝
반짝
SFX. TWINKLE TWINKLE
Umm. Welllll...



Gang-Hui,
Did I sleep too long?

Why can't I use my powers?

You used your powers yesterday,
but why can't I use anything yet?
Don't worry too much. As you said, probably because we slept too long.
Point
Hmm...



Yep, definitely.

We were asleep too long!

Divine Bells disappear when their power runs out.

Being here is proof that you still have your power.

And not being able
to use our powers might be for the better.

But Gang-Hui...

...why did you stop me before?
Shh-

That we never actually chose them as our masters.

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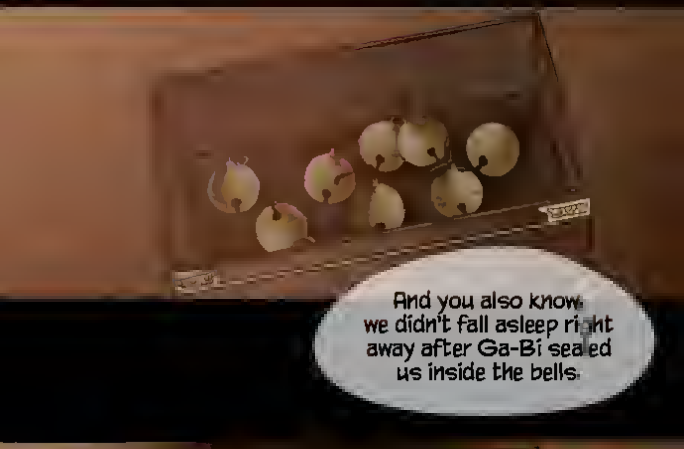
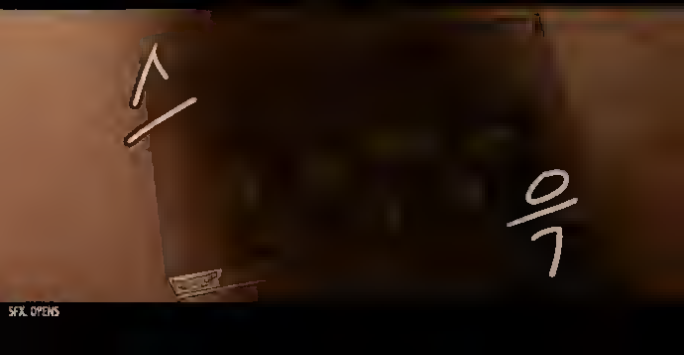
Shh

Shouldn't we tell the truth now that we're awake?

That we never actually chose them as our masters


And you also know we didn't fall asleep right away after Ga-Bi sealed us inside the bells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SFX. OPENS

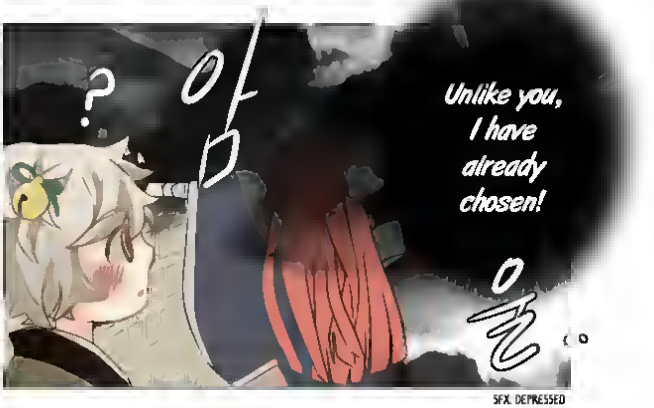
We saw it from the bells.

The Emperor of Dae-Hyun and his priestesses were —

We're not sure who woke us up.

So I didn't think it was right to say it.

Also...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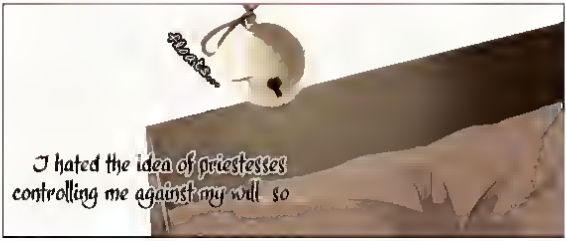
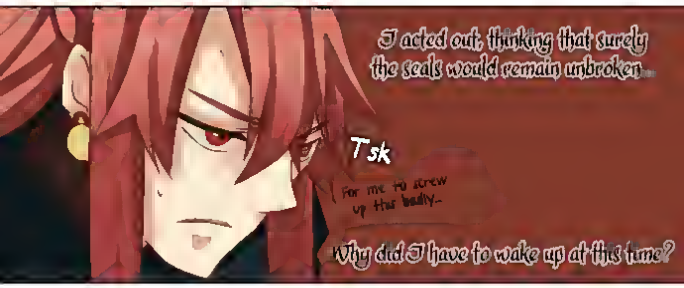
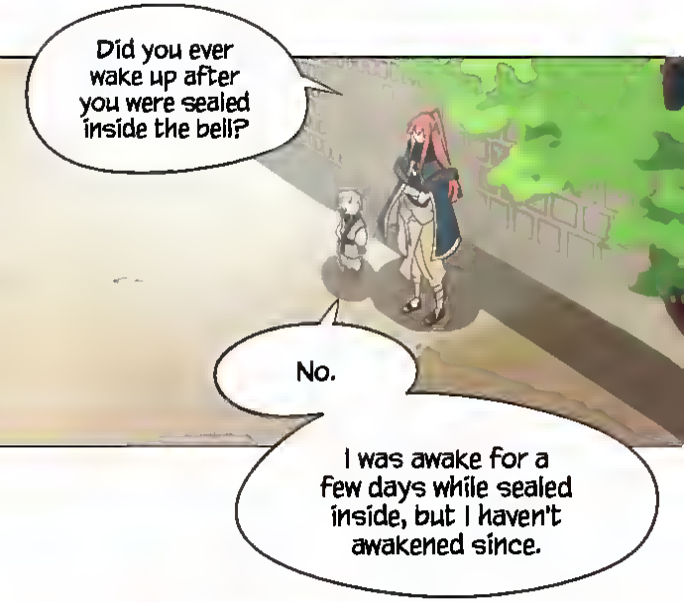
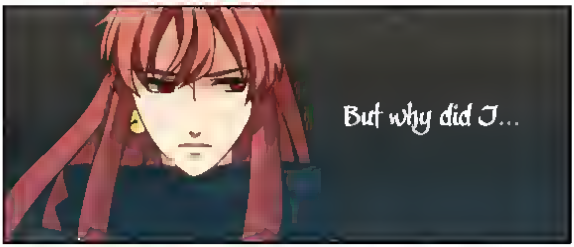
Unlike you, I have already chosen!
SFX: DEPRESSED


Pfeeeh...
I hated the idea of priestesses controlling me against my will so


I acted out, thinking that surely the seals would remain unbroken...
Tsk
For me to screw up this badly...
Why did I have to wake up at this time?

Hoa-Back.
Yes?


Did you ever wake up after you were sealed inside the bell?
No.
I was awake for a few days while sealed inside, but I haven't awakened since.


But why did I...

...wake up then?

At that time,

I felt something... from him.

SFX: STARE
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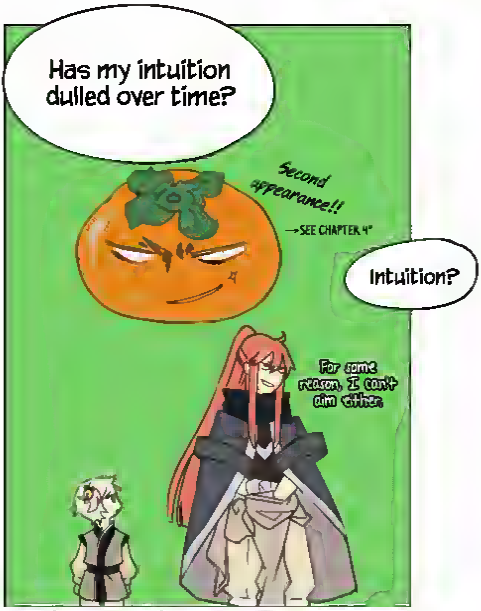
I watched him all night.



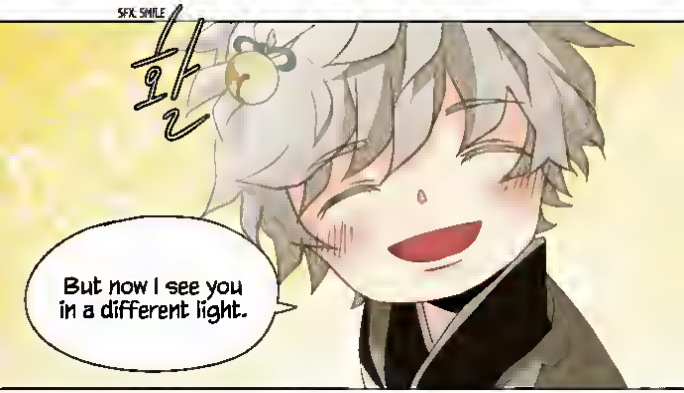
T/N: VISUAL PUN: IN KOREAN INTUITION = "GAM" = PERSIMMON

Anyway, for now, it would be better if we don't mention anything.
In this time and place, they have their own ways,
so it's not too late if we mention it after we understand what's going on.
We'll just bring chaos and confusion to them.
That's just an excuse.
Since I chose that guy. I have no escape.
How did my life_?

SFX. STARE
Why do you look at me that way?

Umm, since it's you, I just thought you would run away, maybe as early as this morning...
SFX. FIDGET FIDGET
So I was worried that you might leave me all alone.

Gang-Hui is
selfish and
only considers himself and
doesn't know how to treat others well.
SFX. STAB STAB STAB


SFX: SMILE
But now I see you in a different light.

You better be thankful to Ga-Bi. If you looked like Yun, I'd have already clobbered you.
He he

SFX: GRAB

I never knew that you were so thoughtful!

Sorry for misunderstanding you, Gang-Hui!

...

SFX PULLS

SFX PAT
For now...

I better keep it a secret that I already chose my master
Huh??
It- It hurts, Gang-Hui.
SFX PAT PAT

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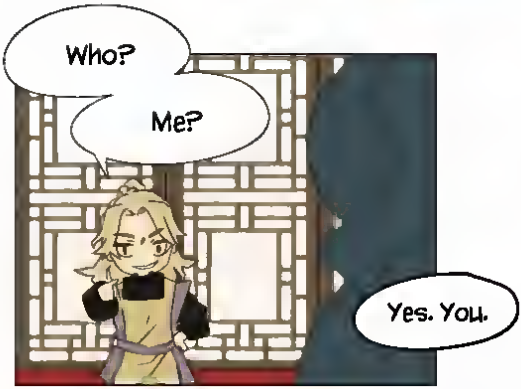
Are you still so uptight?



What did you mean, "They had a 'special' relationship." Wouldn't anyone else misunderstand and think that Ga-Bi and Gang-Hui had a romantic relationship?
Ga-Bi never played favorites.
She treated us equally.
But...
you never liked Gang-Hui, even from the start.
He gave you an inferiority complex.
Pfft
WHO HAS AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX?!

I JUST DON'T LIKE HIM!
AND SHE DID DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US! ALWAYS "GANG-HUI," "GANG-HUI," "GANG-HUI!"
Always looking for Gang-Hui.

Well Gang-Hui was *really* reliable. (Unlike you.)
JU-HIE!!

I want to say that you brought Gang-Hui into this,
knowing the reason the emperor of Dae-Hyun awakened us.

You're the worst, you!

THA-
THAT'S—
SO WHAT IF THE EMPEROR KNOWS ABOUT GANG-HUI??
Don't look at me like that!
It's not like he's the type to listen to others,
and Gang-Hui isn't the type to stay quiet if he's awake.
confi
dent
He probably ran away by now, as you should well know.
That's true.
If it's Gang-Hui
But what should we do now?
There's no point staying here when he really isn't our master.

We should just ask him
how he knows about us, and what he really intends to do now that our seals are broken.
Will he answer honestly?
We'll make him answer.
An emperor is just a human.

tink
tink

When we show off our powers, he'll be frightened and spill everything.
And then...
...we'll make him regret
unlocking that seal.

Shat
ter

Pardon? You're going to gather the other rulers again?

There is only a gathering of kings and queens for the Divine Bell ceremony.
Even as the emperor of Dae-Hyun, you can't call a summit meeting for any other reason.
I don't think you should summon them.
Do not worry about it.
Pardon?
The only one I'll send for is the king of Myung-Joo.

What does ...?
Ga-Yu.
Yes, my lord.
Deliver this letter personally to Myung-Joo.
Yes, sir.

*PALACE IN MYUNG-JOO

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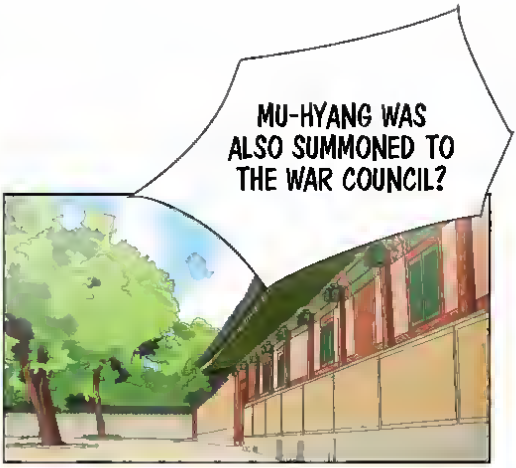
MU-HYANG WAS ALSO SUMMONED TO THE WAR COUNCIL?

...
Yeah.

WHY DID HE NEED TO ATTEND THE WAR COUNCIL ANYWAY?
I invited him because of the Divine Bell incident.
I needed a witness to tell others that the Divine Bells actually turned into people

WHY DID YOU NEED MU-HYANG AS A WITNESS? IF A KING DECLARES THAT HE SAW IT, THEN IT REALLY DID HAPPEN!
DON'T YOUR MINISTERS BELIEVE YOU?
HAVE YOU ATTENDED EVERY WAR COUNCIL WITH THIS ATTITUDE SO FAR?
Why are you getting so angry, No-Woo? It's nothing, really.
It's pretty unbelievable that a Divine Bell could turn into a human.
If you didn't see it for yourself, you wouldn't believe it either. That's my reason.

And in the first place, I asked you to be a witness, but you refused. So I asked my brother instead.
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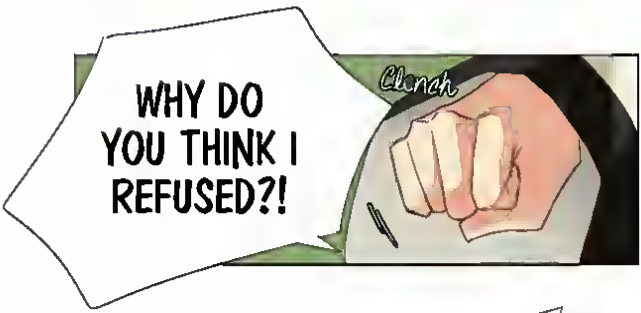

WHY DO YOU THINK I REFUSED?!
Clench

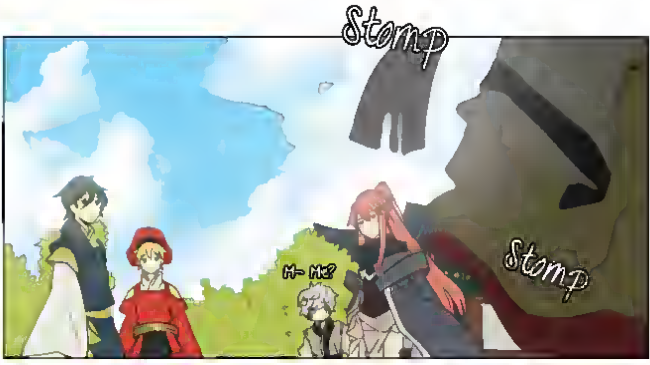
FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, YOUR STANDING AS KING WOULD BE DIMINISHED IF I, PRINCESS OF NAN-HUN, WERE TO ATTEND A MYUNG-JOO WAR COUNCIL.
BUT YOU HAD MU-HYANG ATTEND INSTEAD?
Um... shouldn't we stop them, Gang-Hui?
You really don't know, do you, Hoa-Back? The most interesting things to spectate are fires and fights, you know?

He didn't interfere with the council and just came in for a few minutes.
Why are you making a big deal about it?
Do you think other people would see why Mu-Hyang attended?
For a gossip, Mu-Hyang attending the council would be more than enough reason
to say, "The king of Myung-Joo is so useless that he asks his half-brother Mu-Hyang to run the war council."

Why aren't you more careful?
There aren't that many in Chu-Yeon palace on your side to begin with.

You're thinking too much.
Thinking too much? You might not know because you're stuck in the palace,
but are you aware how much Chui-Bi runs around talking behind your back? You should have dealt with Chui-Bi...
MY LORD!

There you are.
There's a messenger from Dae-Hyun to...
Huh?
Why is the mood like this?
It's all your fault.
Doooom
flinch
HOA-BACK, LET'S GO!


Stomp
Stomp
H- Hi?

Tug

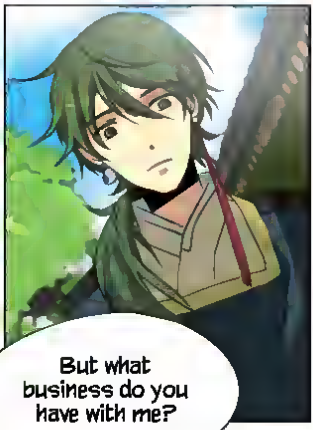
Come with me, Gang-Hui.
I'm too afraid to go by myself
Ehh? Me as well?

Don't pull. This cloak will stretch.
Hurry!

Did I do something wrong again?

The princess looks very upset.

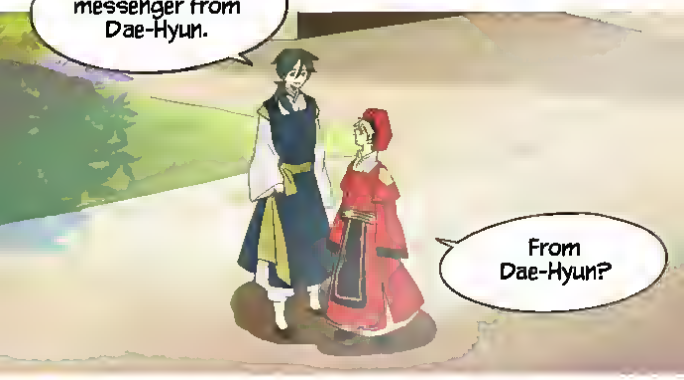
Please don't mind her.



But what business do you have with me?

Ah.

There's a messenger from Dae-Hyun.



From Dae-Hyun?

I think they've called us because of the Divine Bells awakening.

I don't think he is a bad person.

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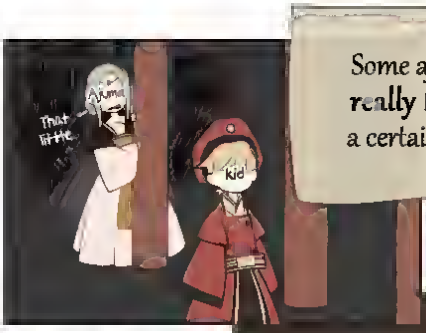
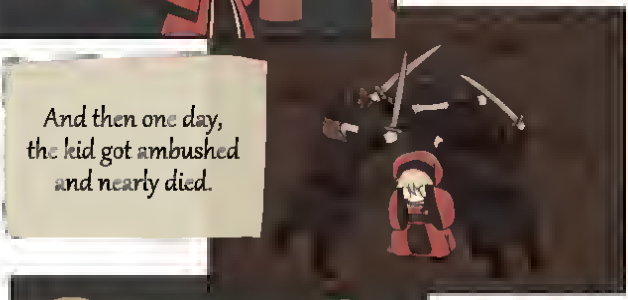
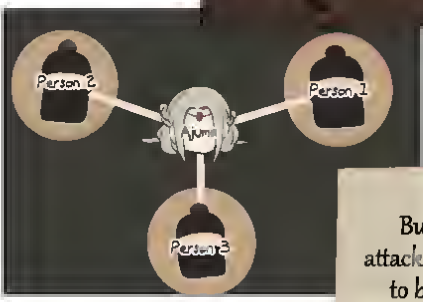
N- no.. just by his looks. I- I don't know how he is in the inside..
Why do you hate that Mu-Hyang guy so much?



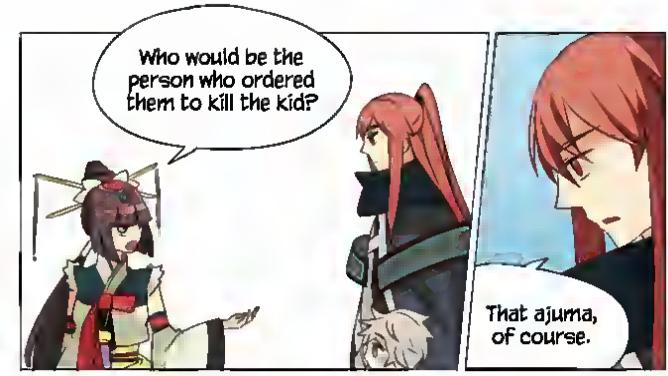
Some ajuma really hated a certain kid.

And then one day, the kid got ambushed and nearly died.





But then, the attackers turned out to be cronies of that ajuma.


Who would be the person who ordered them to kill the kid?
That ajuma, of course.

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE!!
Arggghh!
HONG-RYUNG DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!!!

So the son of that ajuma is Mu-Hyang?

...is the same as Chui-Bi.

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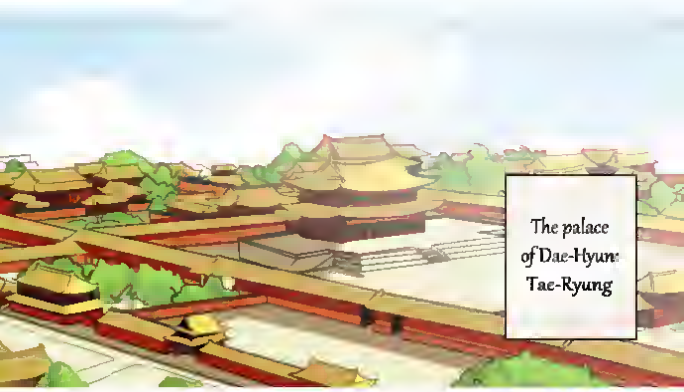


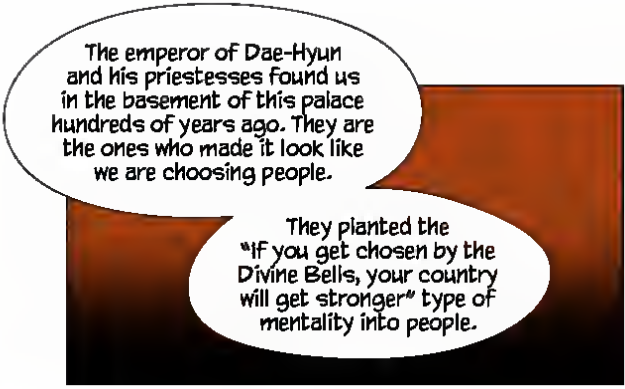
Soon, the king of Myung-Joo will arrive here in Dae-Hyun.
I want you to meet them before they arrive at the palace.
and persuade the Divine Bell named Gang-Hui...

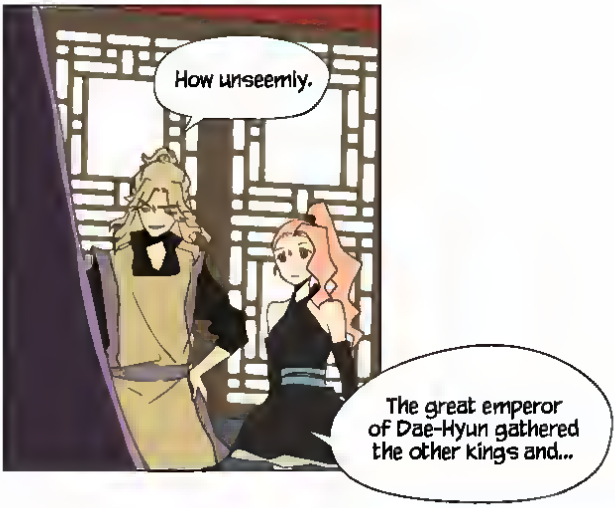
...to come back as a Divine Bell of Dae-Hyun.

Otherwise, we need him to tell me where Ga-Bi is, so I need your help.

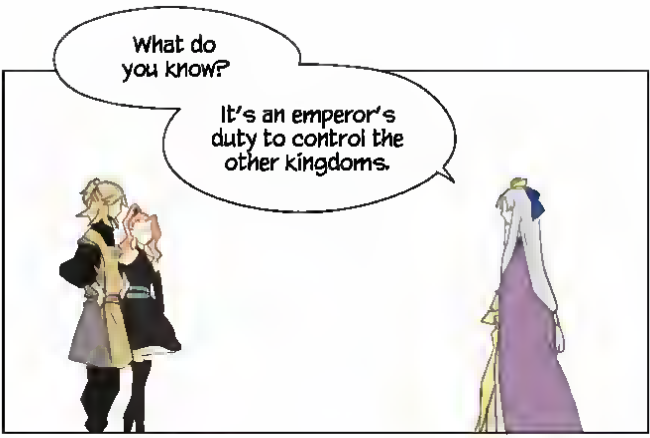
Why us?
Look here, we don't need to obey your orders.
You should know that better than we do.

We never chose a master.


The emperor of Dae-Hyun and his priestesses found us in the basement of this palace hundreds of years ago. They are the ones who made it look like we are choosing people.
They planted the "If you get chosen by the Divine Bells, your country will get stronger" type of mentality into people.


How unseemly.
The great emperor of Dae-Hyun gathered the other kings and...

...conned them?


What do you know?
It's an emperor's duty to control the other kingdoms.

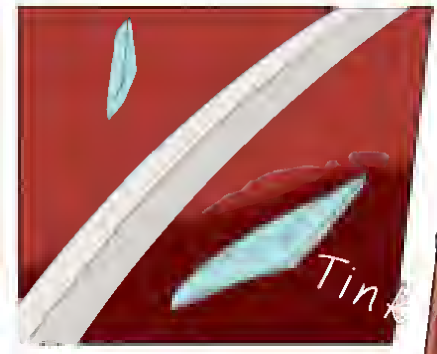
Dae-Hyun only used that method
to help them realize that they were below Dae-Hyun without using any force.

Your country's problems are none of my business.
and if you're finished talking...

...I want you to answer my questions this time.

SFX. SHOOT

SFX. ZIP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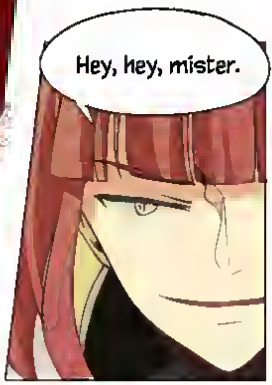

Hey, hey, mister.

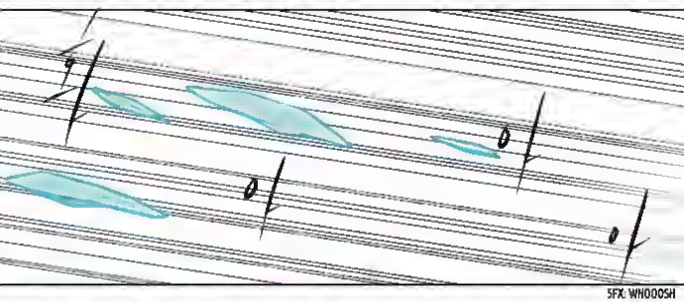
You're really flashy.

Just how I like it.♡
Whoa!
SHIVER
WHAT'S THIS PERVERT SAYING?!

Annoying people should...
SFX. SHOOT
...STAY OUT OF IT!!
grip

SFX: SLASH

SFX: PLINK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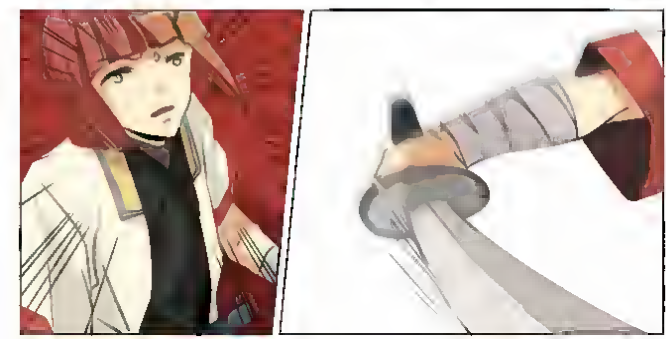

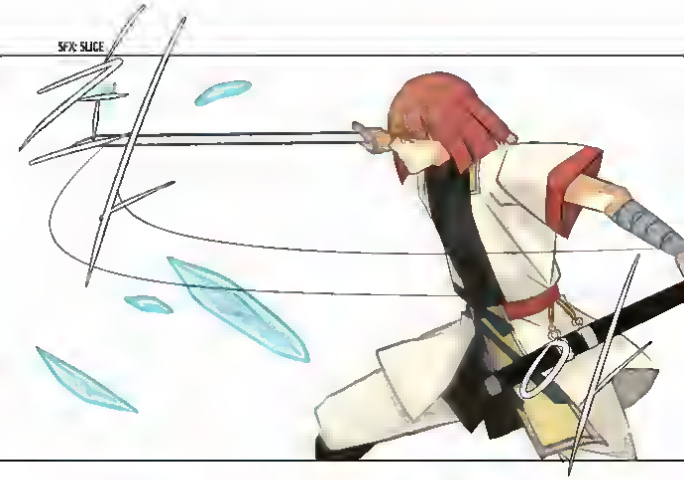
SFX: SLICE

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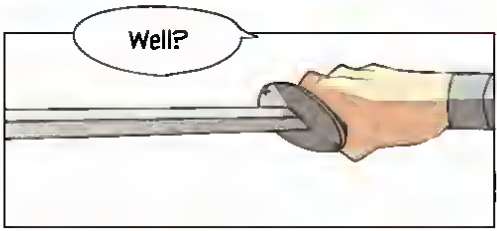
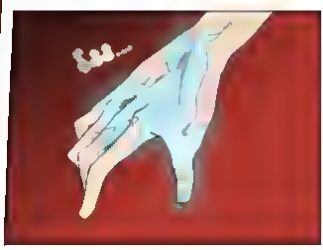
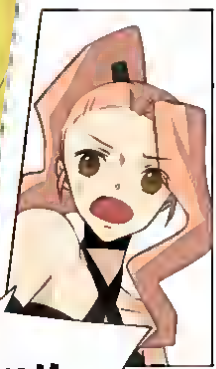

Well?

Ain't I cool?





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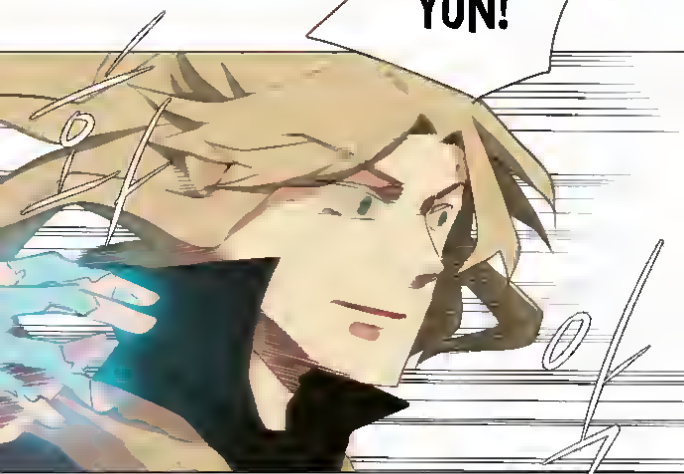
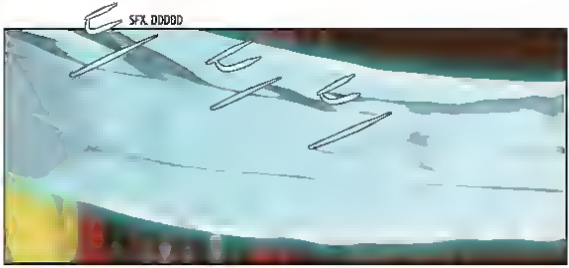


SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: WHIRL
SFX: ROAR

What... the ..
Hell is that!?

SFX. CHOMP


SFX. DDDDD

SFX. CRASH
UHHH!

I'm a lot cooler right?

Wow — that's cheating.

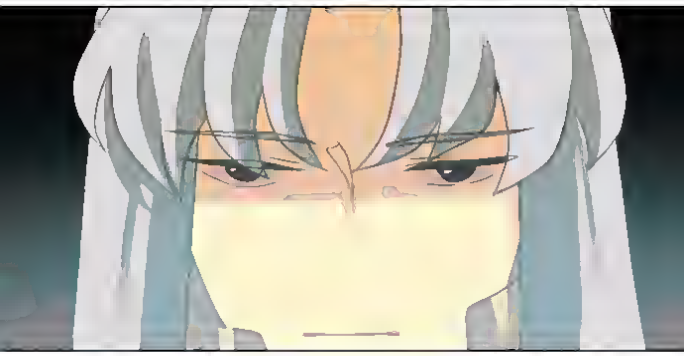
YUN! GO EASY ON THEM!!

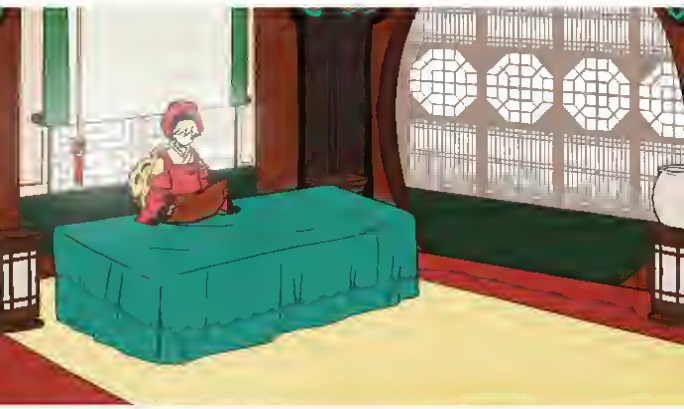
I did go easy.

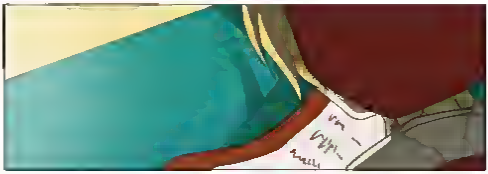
That worm is now still.
Why don't we continue talking?
SFX. WHOOSH

How do you know about the Divine Bells, when all memories of us should have disappeared?
How did you find out how to wake us up?
And what are you going to do after you find Ga-Bi?

You better answer me...
...if you don't want to see your royal blood spilt.







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Korean Honorifics Lesson!

Oppa - A friendly way of addressing an older man near your age if you're a girl
Oppa is also used (though not synonymously) by girls addressing their boyfriends

Nim - A formal way of addressing someone typically older and/or more respected than you

Ssi - A formal way of addressing someone you do not know or are unfamiliar with

Nuna - A friendly way of addressing an older woman near your age if you're a guy
Nunim - A more respectful way to say nuna

Hyung - A friendly way of addressing an older man near your age if you're a guy

Unni - A friendly way of addressing an older woman near your age if you're a girl

Ajumma - Older woman typically aged between mid/late 30's ~ early 50s. Calling someone younger than mid 30's this is rather offensive

Ajussi - Older man typically aged between mid/late 30's ~ early 50s. Korean men, especially those in their 30s prefer to be called hyung/oppa by those younger than him rather than Ajusshi

Sunbae - Is used to address senior colleagues or mentor figures e.g. students referring to or addressing more senior students in schools

Hubae - Is used to refer to juniors. However the term is not normally addressed to them directly, and is mainly used in the third person
This is nearly identical in Japanese with Senpai/Kohai honorifics

Naeuri - Was used by commoners in the Joseon Dynasty to refer to people of higher status but below "His Excellency"

Seonsaeng - Commonly translated as "teacher", has much more formality and is used to show respect to the addressee. It is related to the Japanese honorific "sensei" and shares the same pair of Chinese characters representing 'mister' or 'one born earlier' (literal)

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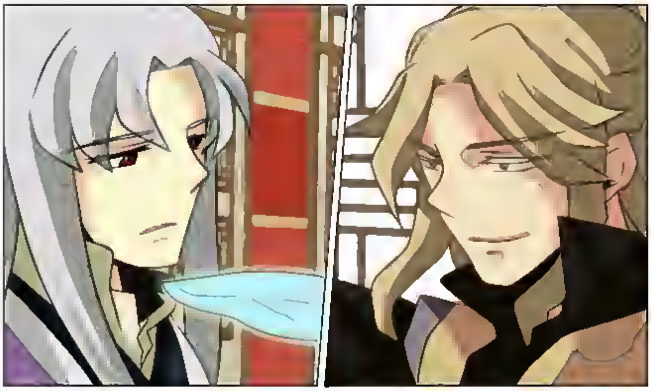
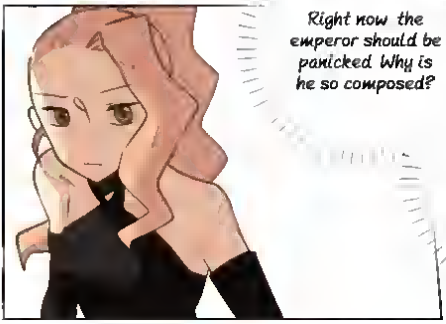


SFX. SSS

I hope you'll dispel this.
I'm not nice enough to obey a person who's not my master.

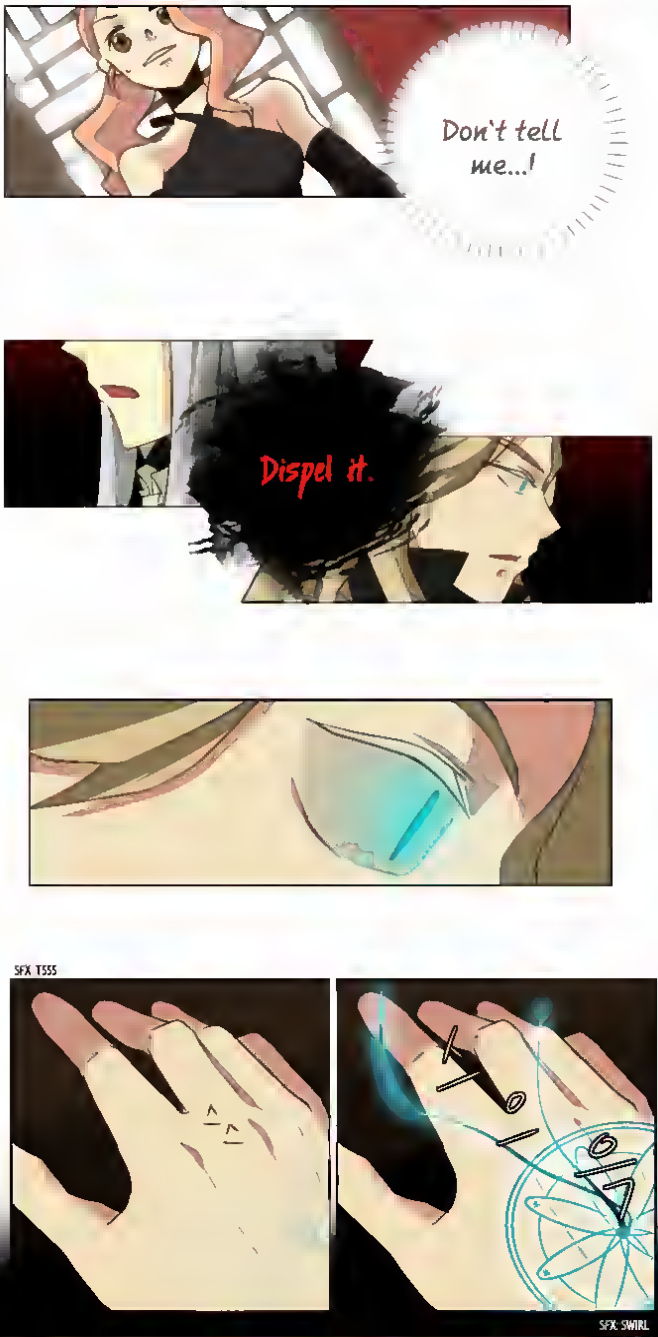

Right now the emperor should be panicked. Why is he so composed?
If he broke our seals, he should be fully aware of our abilities.

But to come see us with only a single escort?

Something's not right.

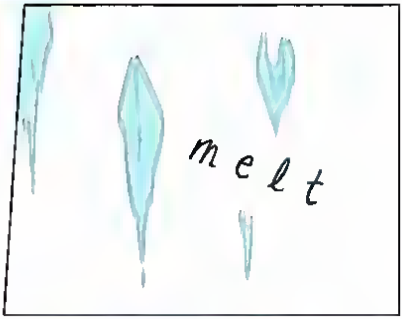
For the last time — you better dispel this.
You certainly have the guts of an emperor.
But this is no time to act tough, is it?

Heh

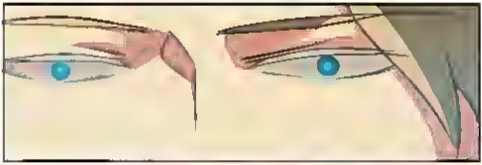

Don't tell me...!
Dispel it.
SFX: TSSS
SFX: SWIRL

Huh?
I have a bad feeling about this.
SFX: DRIP
SFX: CRACK
SFX: CRASH

Ohhh, my ass


melt

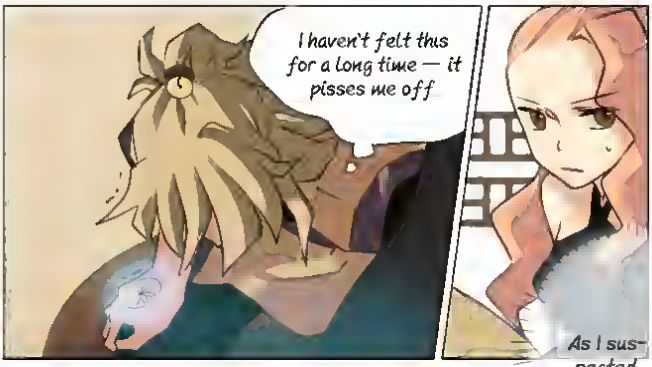
drip
drip

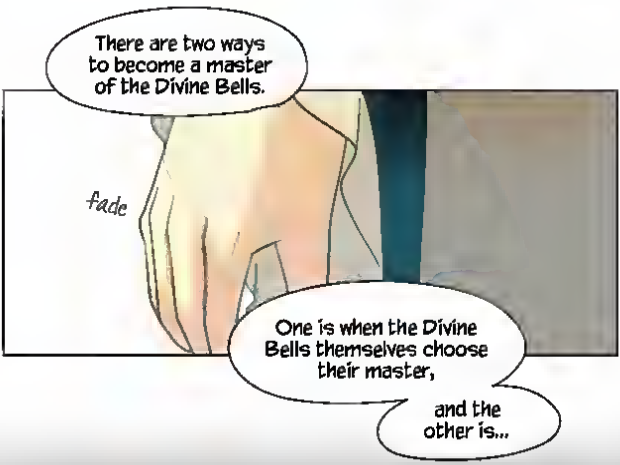


Shhh...

YUN!
UGH.

So this appears when I give an order, does it?
I didn't know that.


I haven't felt this for a long time — it pisses me off
As I suspected.


There are two ways to become a master of the Divine Bells.
fade
One is when the Divine Bells themselves choose their master,
and the other is...

SFX. SLASH
SFX. CLENCH

...to be shackled by the blood of the intended master.

Now, I really want to know how you know so much.
Did you emerge from the past?
If not...
If not...

You don't need to know that much.
STARTLE

Now listen up, because I won't repeat myself.
Do whatever you need to the Divine Bell named Gang-Hui to find Ga-Bi.
But if you can't...

The king of Myung-Joo and his Divine Bell must be disposed of.

Why are you so surprised?
Of course I need to eliminate anyone who knows my identity.

Hey, listen, I think you're misunderstanding something.
Gang-Hui probably left as soon as he woke up.
He's not the type of guy to work under someone.

He knows that Dae-Hyun has controlled us even when we "chose" other kings.

So if he's awake, he will forsake that king immediately!

What if he chose that king as his master?

What?

On the day of the ceremony,

...the red-stringed Divine Bell chose its owner by itself,
in front of my own eyes.

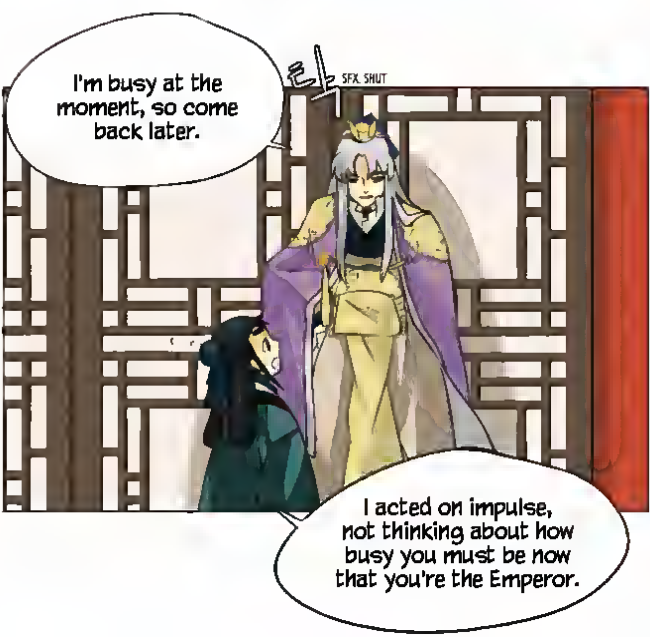
Theres no way...
...that GangHui chose an owner.
That guy??

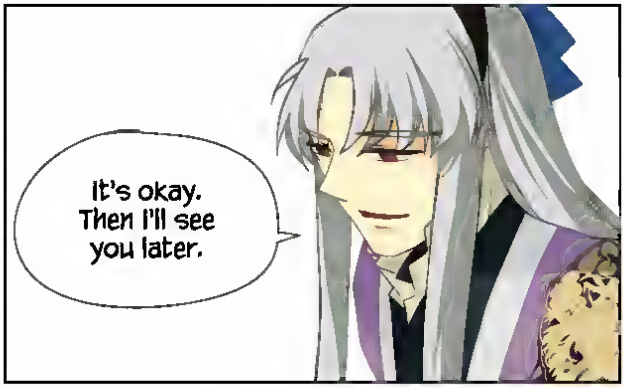
Well then, steel your hearts.

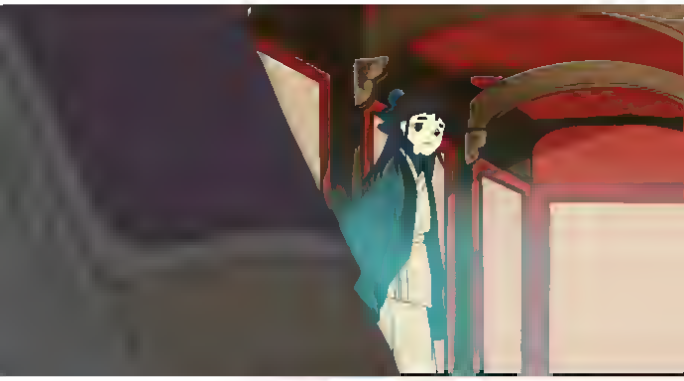
Since you've known each other for quite some time, disposing of them won't be an easy job.
Or hope that this Divine Bell, Gang-Hui, knows Ga-Bi's location.
SFX: SLIDE

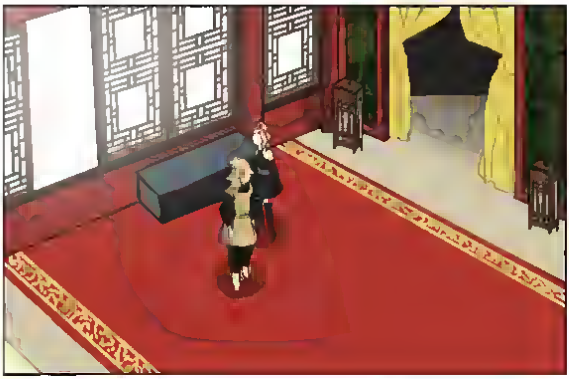
Ah

I just came back, and was about to go in...
What business do you have in the palace, Dong-Hyung?
Well, uh,
to greet hyung-nim.


I'm busy at the moment, so come back later.
SFX. SHUT
I acted on impulse, not thinking about how busy you must be now that you're the Emperor.

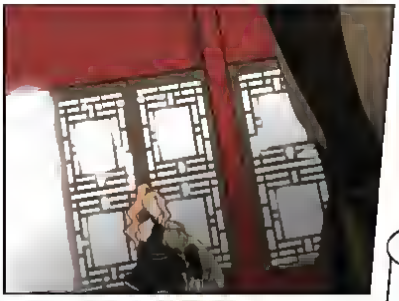

It's okay.
Then I'll see
you later.





Yum...
I KNOW!!
clench
I know...

Gang-Hui — he might know something.
This time, I...
He and Ga-Bi had a special relationship, you know?
...screwed up.



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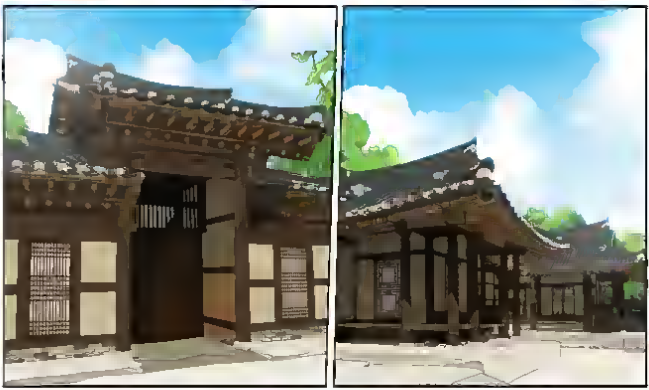
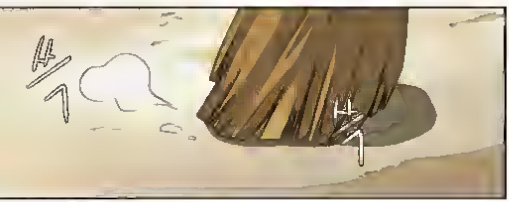
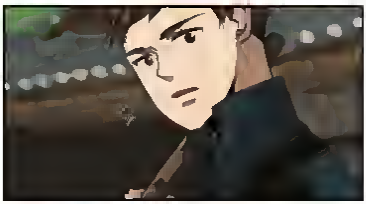




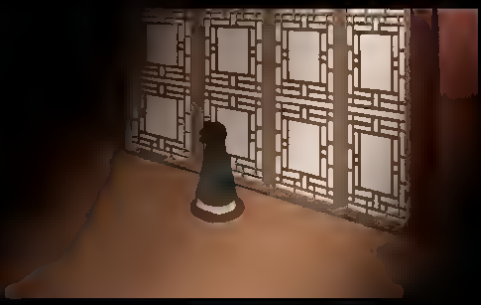
SFX. SWEEP SWEEP

SFX. CREEEK



PRINCE!! YOU'RE BACK EARLY!
Did you get to the palace safely?
Ummm, yeah.
What are you up to?

Looks like you're cleaning. I told you, you don't have to.
Actually, there are some beautiful flowers blooming in the palace. If I go back some time,
I might bring some here.
...
Did something happen at the palace?
You look worried.



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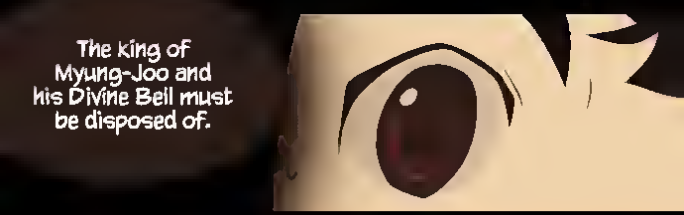
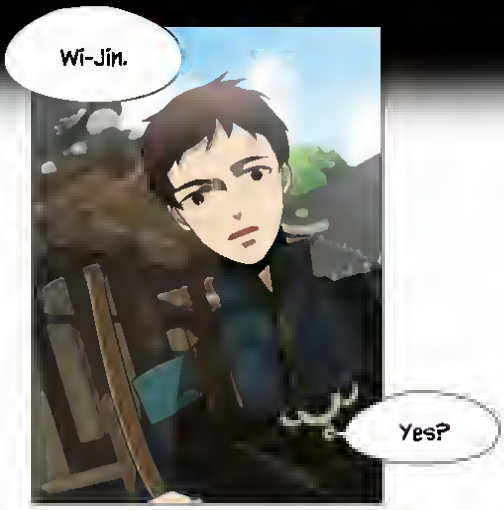

The king of Myung-Joo and his Divine Bell must be disposed of.

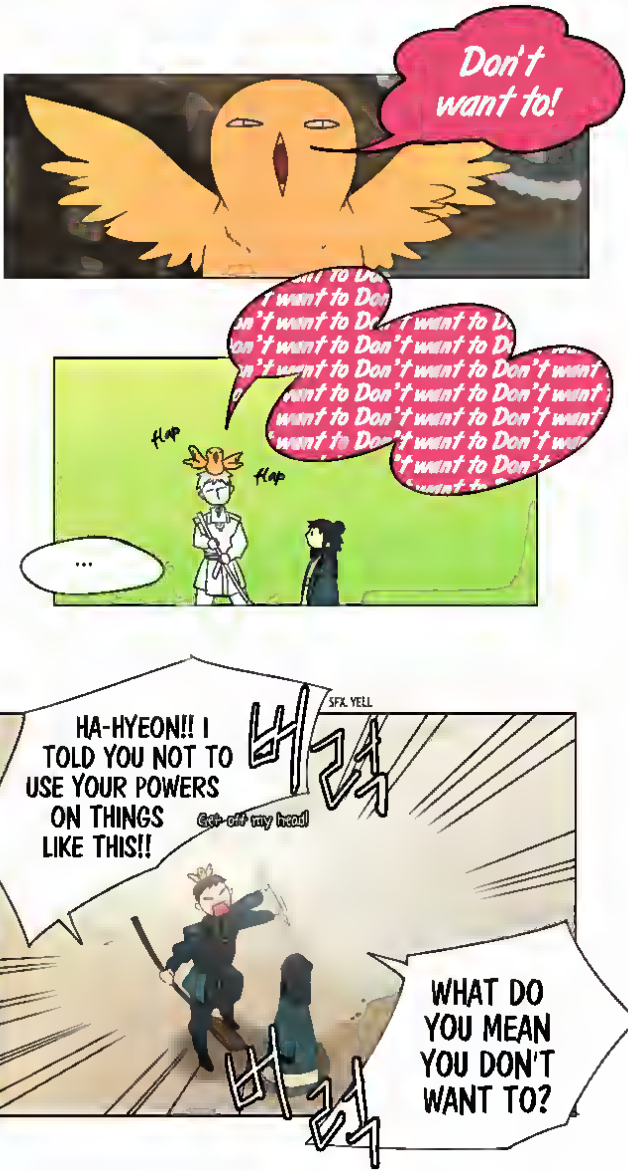
If I heard them correctly, then...



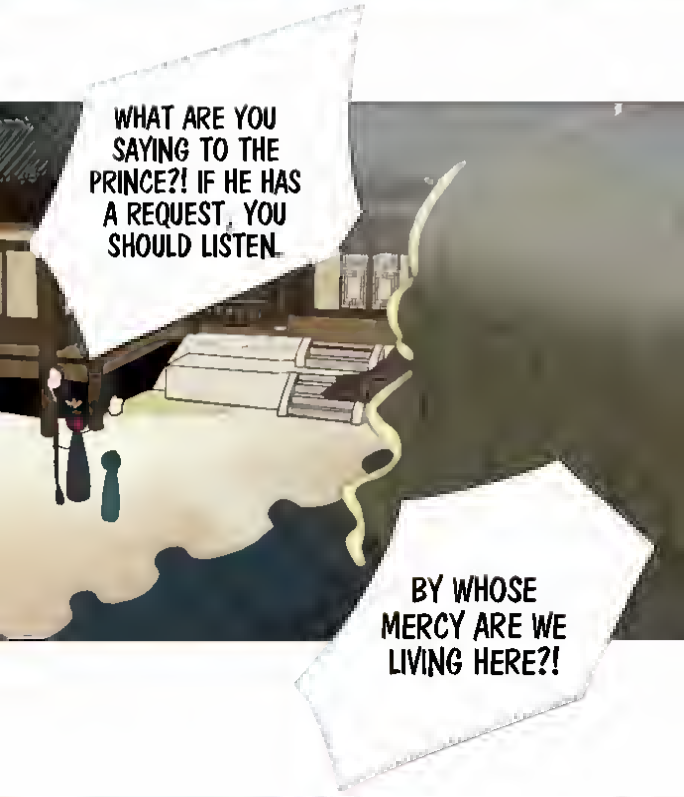
Where is Ha-Hyeon?

Flutter

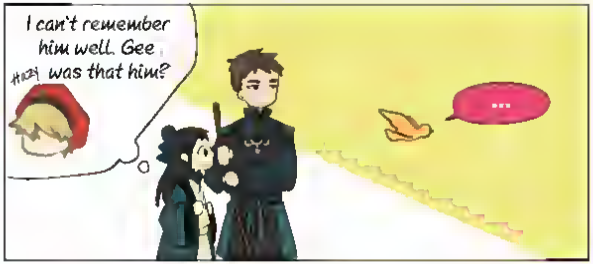
land
Huh?


Don't want to!
Don't want to Don't want to Don't want to

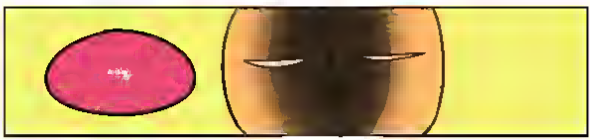
Dong-Hyung is looking for me because he wants my help ...
I don't want to. It's a pain in the butt. I won't listen to you.
Ha-ha


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO THE PRINCE?! IF HE HAS A REQUEST, YOU SHOULD LISTEN.
BY WHOSE MERCY ARE WE LIVING HERE?!

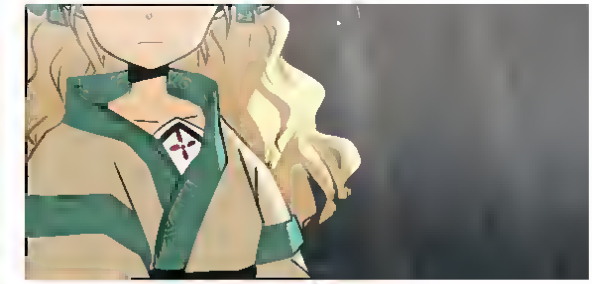
You're helping Dong-Hyung enough for both of us, so it's okay.
You're gang!
He's...
HE'S HANDSOME!!
Ding!


I can't remember him well. Gee #!@$ was that him?
...

How handsome?
Umm, well...
More than Wi-Jin!!
Why me??

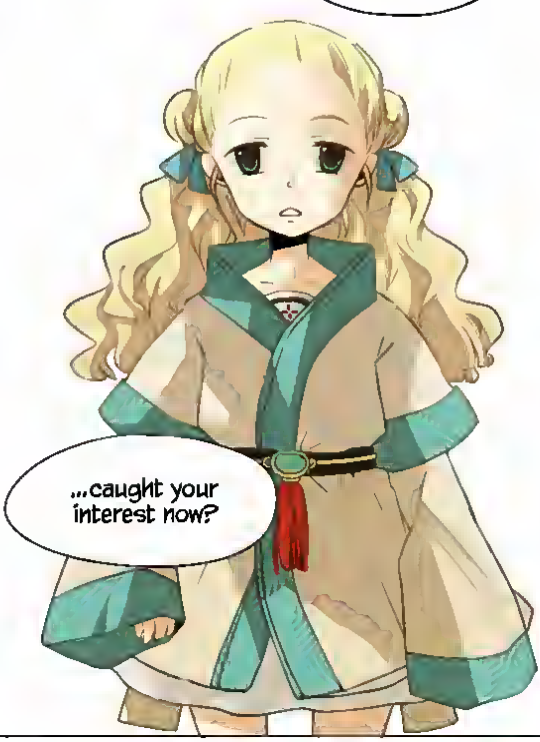

...

Dong-Hyung, that's not a good example. The streets are full of guys who look better than Wi-Jin.
Ah... really?
HEY!! MY MAMA TOLD ME THAT I'M THE MOST HANDSOME!!
How sad. Even with motherly love, it must've been hard for her to say that.
Ha-Hyeon.
Please.

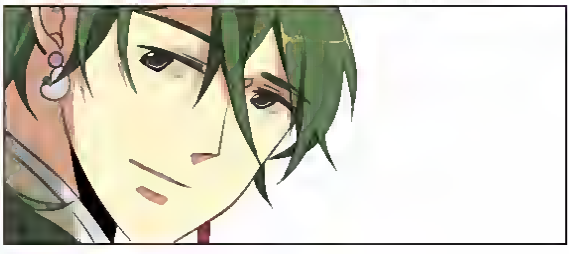


Who is it?
SFX. SURPRISED
SFX. LAND

Huh?
tap
tap
You've been quiet for a while, so who...


...caught your interest now?

The girls from the palace told me...
That you come here often.



Looking at the scenery here puts my heart at ease.

Your Highness, why don't you take a look as well?

It looks like you need to ease your heart as well.

You look scary ha ha

That jerk!!!

Has it been about a year? That you've been coming here?

Did something happen so that you need to put your heart at ease?

Such as...

You had to remove your brother from the throne?

You were nice to me ma'am.
You treated me the same way you treated the prince.
That was because I trusted you.

You picked Chuí-Bí's side a year ago,
even after committing to protect Hong-Ryung.
You probably chose her because she was your mother.

But still, you chose your mother Chui-Bi even though Hong-Ryung nearly died because of her.
Do you even know what that means?

It means that you would betray Hong-Ryung.
In the end, you would follow the will of your mother and steal the throne.

Please, do not worry.
I cannot become a king anyway
The king knows this already, so please do not worry.

What do you mean?
I heard you're going back to Nan-Hun tomorrow?

Please have a safe trip.
I SAID, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

This guy... he's worrying about something...

Like that time...

Like that time last year —

SFX. SWISH
HEY!!

"You treated me the same way you treated the prince."

I never did.

My Lord try it this way

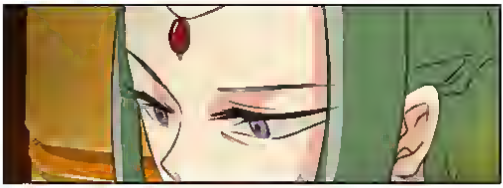
SFX: GLANCE

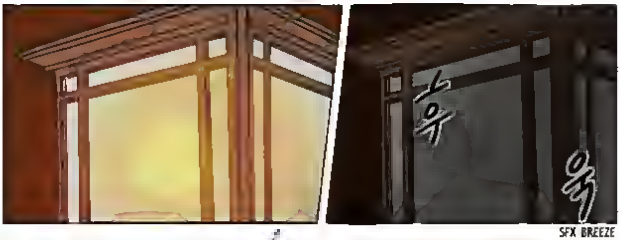
힐끔

I never treated you...

...the same way as Hong-Ryung.

The mansion of Lady Chui-Bi
If the Divine Bell actually took human form, this might be a good opportunity for us.
How about we convince the Divine Bell to come form an alliance with us?
An alliance?
Yes. We can get it to choose Mu-Hyang instead.
If Mu-Hyang becomes king because the Divine Bell chooses him, the people won't be able to complain.




SFX BREEZE

!

SFX: RUSTLE
WHO'S THERE!!
WHERE DO YOU THINK THIS IS?!

My apologies, Lady Chui-Bi.
I carry a secret message from the Emperor of Dae-Hyun,
so I've intruded, knowing that it's rude.
Emperor of Dae-Hyun?
Will you receive the message from His Majesty?

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Twang

THWACK!

Wow.
You look quite weak, so I thought you might be no good at fighting, but you're not bad, it seems.
...
Why did he follow me?
But isn't this supposed to be an act to show off in front of your subjects?
"I'm really good, so adore me."
It's a bulls-eye.
My lord, that was amazing!
As expected of you, lord!

Whoo
Are you practicing in secret or something?
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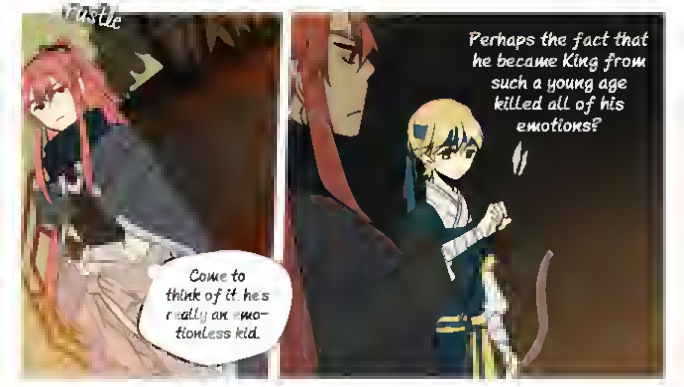

Castle
Come to think of it he's really an emotionless kid.
Perhaps the fact that he became King from such a young age killed all of his emotions?

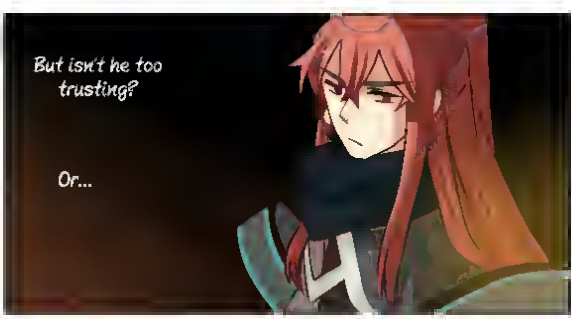
I was worried about choosing him as my master as soon as I woke up.
But if it's a relaxed guy like him then it shouldn't really matter I guess.

What?
...
Don't you think you should mollify the princess?
She seemed really angry before.
And really, the princess isn't wrong.
There's no harm in being cautious of the handsome and smart son of a concubine.
Burn
Burn
Why are you so EasyGoing?

(QCer note: Easy going is the way to go ^_^ hehe)

Squeak
No-Woo is overreacting.
She loses her sense of reason when it comes to Hyung-nim.

Why?
Why do you think?
Huh?


But isn't he too trusting?
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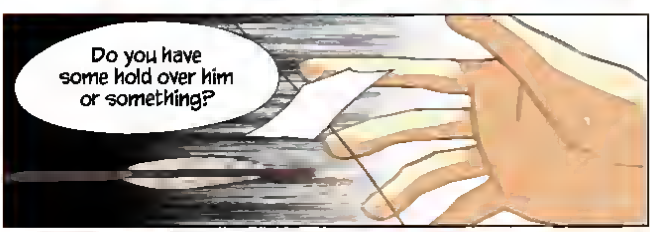
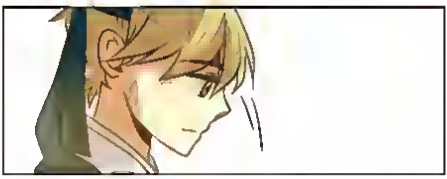

Do you have some hold over him or something?

Tab

Aw dang

REALLY?
I guessed

So you're not an idiot after all.



No-Woo...
says that I'm too kind...

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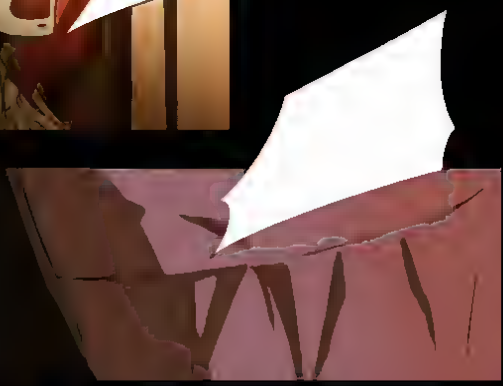

Squeeze
Gasp
When...
Shh

I'm the worst.

What's he saying?

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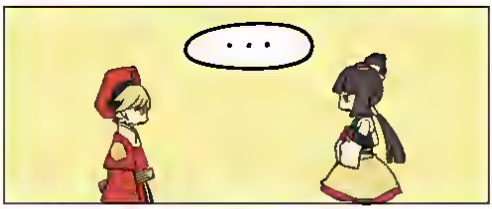
Chapter 11 Omen

If you go back to Nan-Hun, and then to Dae-Hyun, won't it be too late?
I'll work it out somehow.

Travel safely, No-Woo.
Yes, yes — I'll stay safe.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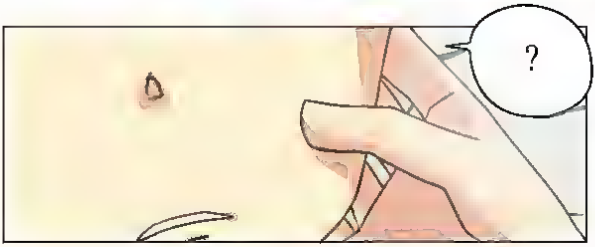
Are you still upset?
Can't you speak properly?
I'm not upset, but angry, you know?

Sorry No-Woo,

I was wrong.



Streeeeeeetch

Don't apologize to me you idiot.

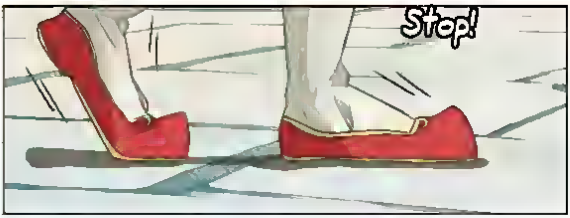
What time are you leaving?
At around sul si*.
I'm going to leave as soon as I get to Nan-Hun, so do you want to wait for me and go to Dae-Hyun together?

*7PM ~ 9PM T/N: A REFERENCE FROM SUNDIAL-BASED TIMEKEEPING

We'll meet again in Dae-Hyun, Hong-Ryung!
Yeah.
Shall we go, Hoa-Back?

For now, follow that princess and we'll discuss what to do when we meet up with the others in Dae-Hyun.
Will you be okay if we are separated for a while, Hoa-Back?
GangHui...
We can resolve this by meeting up with the others in DaeHyun, right?

It was okay for us to wake up, right?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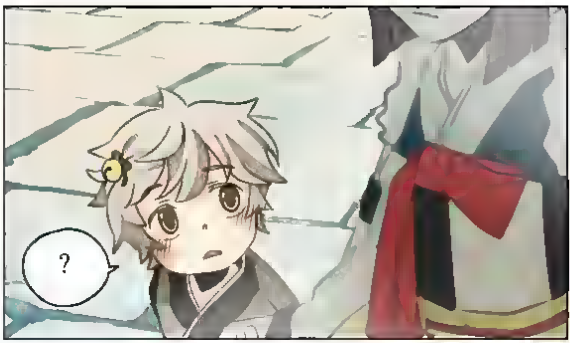
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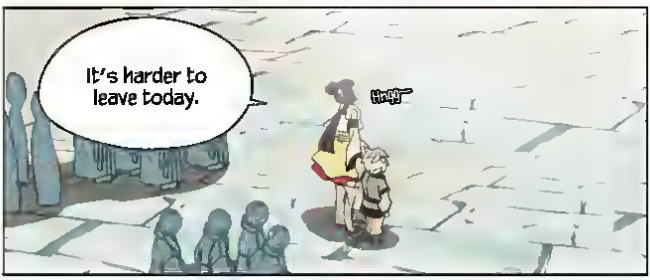
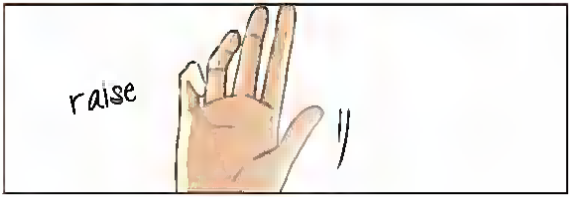

It's harder to leave today.
Uhm?

Whoaa
Turn
?
SEE YOU. HONG-RYUNG!!!
WAVE
WAVE
TRAVEL SAFELY AS WELL!!

What are you doing? If she's waving that hard at you,
then you should also wave back.
That princess is really unique~
But... there are so many subjects here...
SEE YOU IN DAE-HYUN!!!

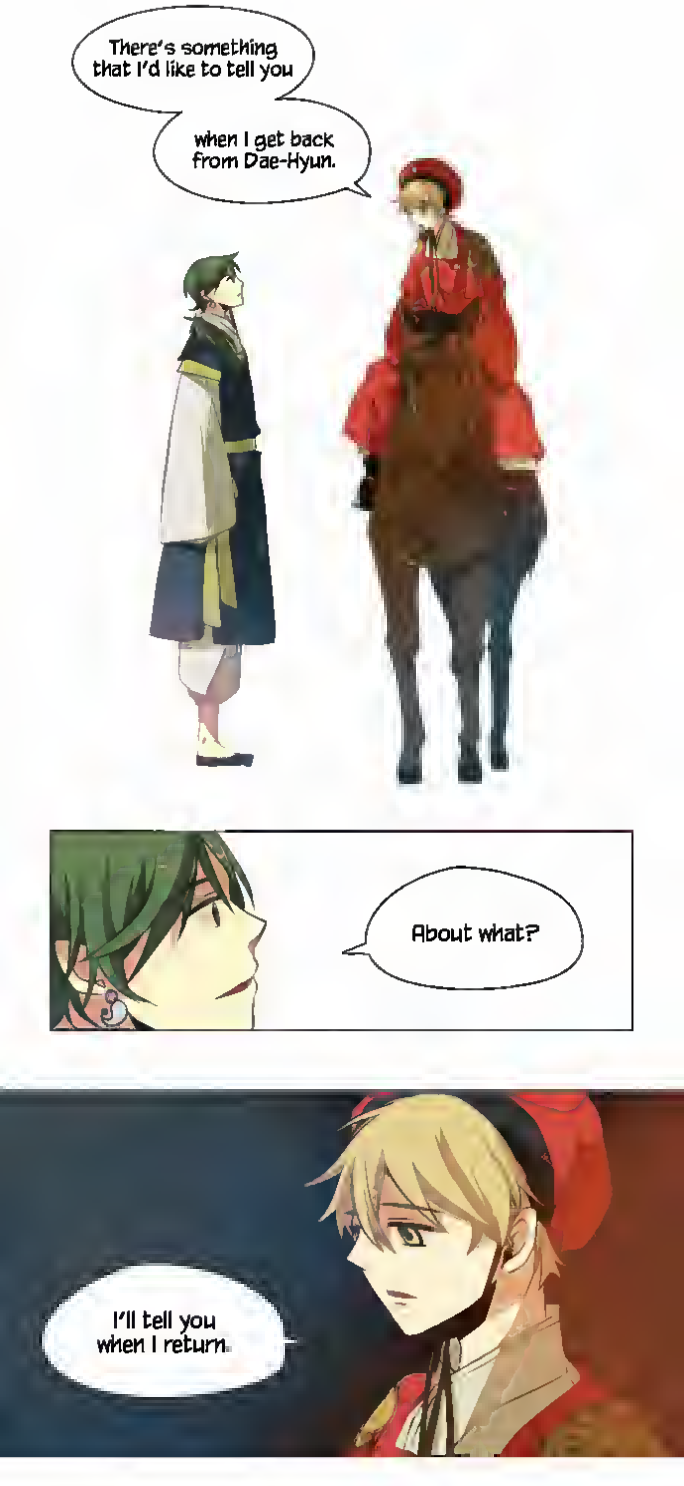
Really...


raise

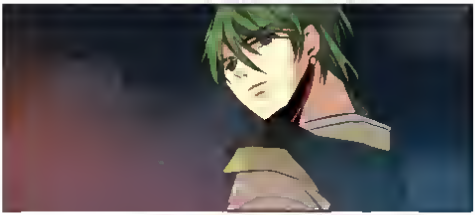
I'm sure no harm
will find you.

Have a safe trip, my lord.

Do you have some hold over him or something?
?
What's the matter?


There's something that I'd like to tell you
when I get back from Dae-Hyun.
About what?
I'll tell you when I return.

Your Majesty!
I, Chui-Bi, shall protect Chu-Yeon palace.
So please don't worry about it.
And come back safely.



I leave my lord to you.

We'll see.

HAYA
Then,
we'll be off.

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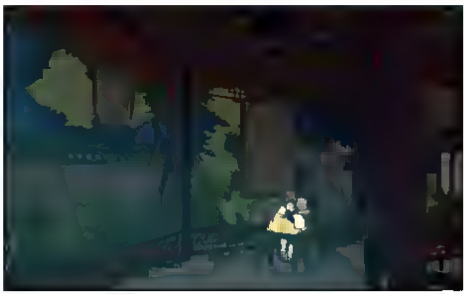

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MOTHER?
The queen of Nan-Hun
Jae-Sun
I should be asking you that question.
Saying that you have to go to Dae-Hyun... In the letter from Dae-Hyun, there isn't a single line to summon us.
Take a look for yourself.
drop

We would like to start a discussion on the decisions of the Divine Bells.

However, we can only meet when there is a ceremony for the Bells.

So please, give your opinions to the messenger from Dae-Hyun...

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
I think there has been a mistake.
I need to see Hong-Ryung... er, the king of Myung-Joo.

No, you can not go!
Instead of coming back to your own country when you finished in Dae-Hyun...
You stayed in Myung-Joo for several days and now... You want to go back again?
I AM EXTREMELY SORRY FOR THAT. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PUNISH ME, THEN I SHALL ACCEPT THAT PUNISHMENT.
BUT PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO GO TO MYUNG-JOO!

I cannot allow it.
MO...!
YOU'RE THE CROWN PRINCESS OF NAN-HUN!!
You should know what that means.
Someday, you will succeed me as the queen of Nan-Hun. You could say that you're going to become Nan-Hun itself.
I can not allow you to leave knowing that something has happened to the king of Myung-Joo. What if something happens to you? It would endanger Nan-Hun!

Even more if the situation involves Dae-Hyun, I cannot let you leave.
Shuffle
What you need to focus on now is not your friend, but Nan-Hun.
You should know as well...

Place
...That I don't have much time left

!
Hong-Ryung ..

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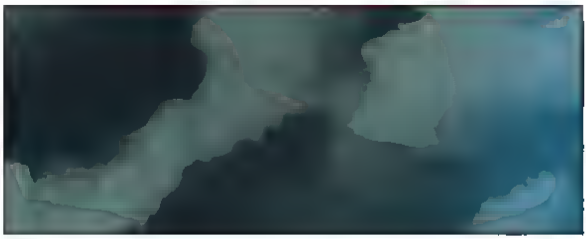
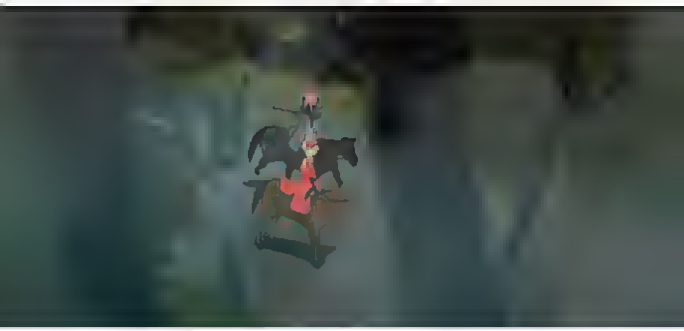




Your Majesty.
The fog is starting to thicken, so I feel that we should hurry.
Why did we need to hurry when we could've left in the morning?
But that would be too late.
You know that a King of Myung-Joo can't make the other kings wait for him.
You heard what I said to No-Woo.
Then it can't be helped

Really now.
I know that you're king of a measly country, but can't you be more energetic?
You always look depressed and tired.
Can't you put on a happier expression?
Gloom
This is what you look like every day.

If... you really think so,
then why did you choose me?

We should hurry; the fog is starting to get worse.

There's something that's been bothering me for a while
You've chosen the kings of Dae-Hyun all this time, so why did you pick me?

When I first saw you, I felt like that you were "the one."
I felt that I wouldn't meet another master...
with the aura of a proper kind, like you have. That's why I chose you.
Don't lie!
Who do you take me for?
Can't you just let it go?
Don't sweat the small stuff.

Huh?
Spin
What's wrong?
Whoosh

DUCK!!!!!
Huh?
What?
What is it?
SH
O
OO
O

WHOAA!!
What on earth!!
STAB
W... WHAT IS THIS?!
What's going..!
STAB

!
Neigh

JERK

...UGH!

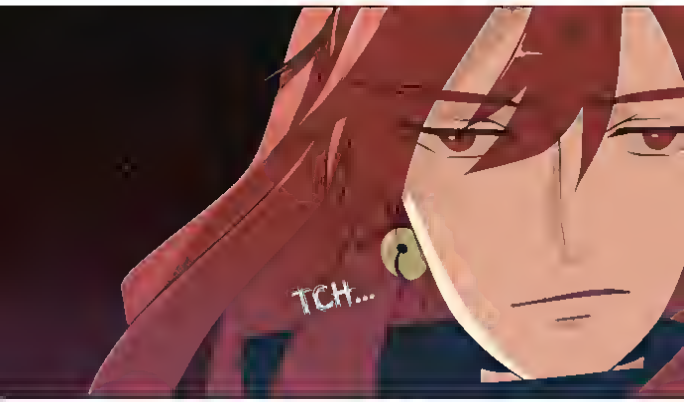
Grab

HYAAAAAAAA!!!!!
throws
You okay?
Whew!

I was going to fall off anyway, why did you had to throw me?
Well... you were going to land in the mud...

dismount.

Why are there ice shards in the forest?
It can't be!
That was quite a flamboyant greeting for our reunion, wasn't it...
RUSTLE



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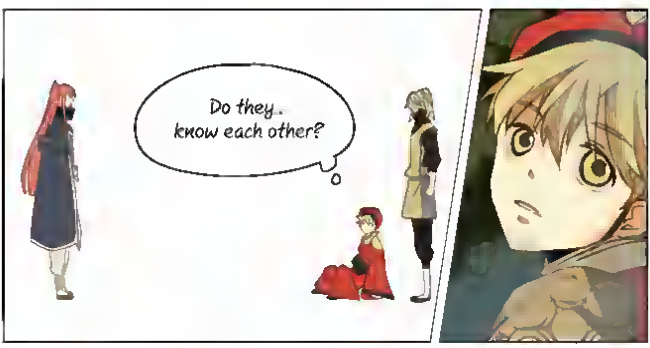

Do they.
know each other?

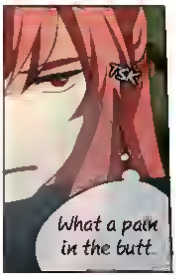
This one is
a Divine Bell
as well?
Then, why is a Divine Bell attacking us?

HEY KID!! QUIT SPACING OUT! GET OVER HERE, QUICKLY!

Shimmer
!
Shimmer
Where do you think you're going?

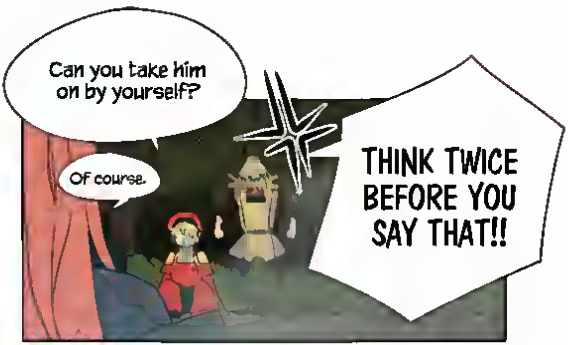
You'll be a valuable hostage for our discussion.

MY LORD!
WHO ARE YOU?! HOW DARE YOU AMBUSH OUR KING!!


TSK
What a pain in the butt.

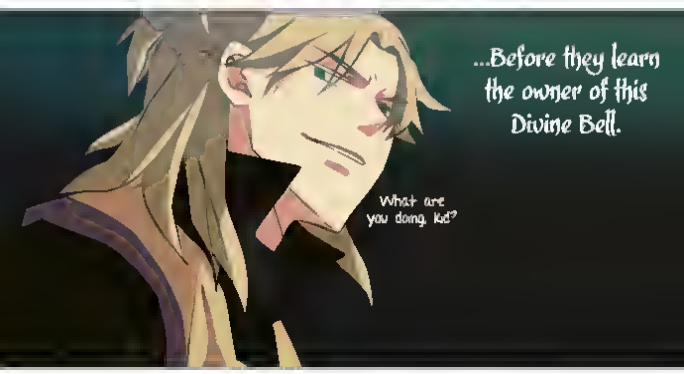
If it's a Divine Bell with an aqua string...

Gang-Hui.
What?


Can you take him on by yourself?
Of course.
THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU SAY THAT!!

MINISTER!
Yes, my lord!

Take all of my men and flee this place.
What are you saying, my lord?
I don't have time to explain, just get away — as far as possible!


...Before they learn the owner of this Divine Bell.
What are you doing, kid?

I'm not sure what's going on, but we cannot just leave you here.
Even if there is a reason, we won't leave you!

step
That's right, you can't leave him.

How could you go on after deserting your king? Right?
W-WHO ARE YOU?!
SSS
Someone attacked the king of Myung-Joo.
But if that someone happened to be the emperor of Dae-Hyun...

It would be trouble-some for me if these rumours spread.
I might need to eliminate the witnesses to avoid a war.

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What would be the reason...

For this sneak attack?

Actually, I don't need anything from you.

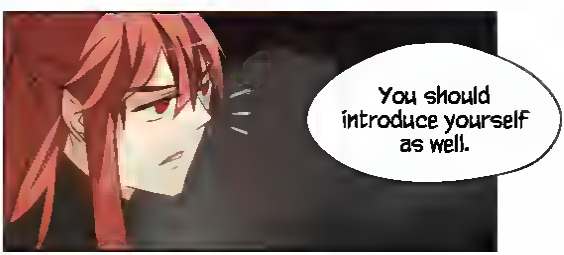
The one that I wanted to meet was...

...You
Your first meeting with your friend in such a long time... was it a nice reunion?

We're not close enough to be called "friends," you know?

Dae-Hyun's emperor?
Why did the emperor show up now?

And as for him... Why do I get the feeling he's taking orders from the emperor? He shouldn't have a master
And it's not like him to obey any person completely.


You should introduce yourself as well.

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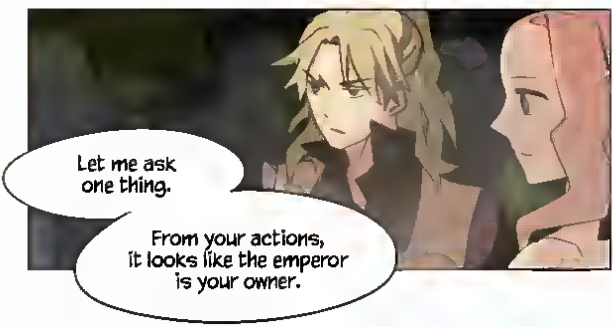
Sorry, Gang-Hui.

Ju-Hie as well...

So that means...


Let me ask one thing.
From your actions, it looks like the emperor is your owner.

But did you choose for yourself,
or were you compelled?

Compelled?
What does he mean?

...
Well it might not be true for Yun...

Doink
...but if Ju-Hie is following a kook like that guy,
then you didn't choose for yourselves.

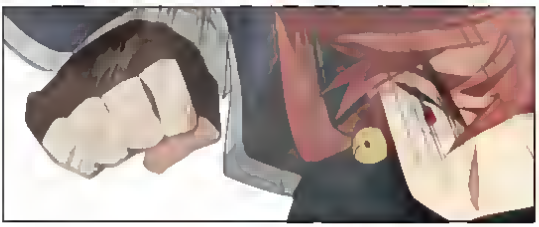
Then I guess it was you.

The one crazy enough...
to unseal the Divine Bells?

And, if I am?

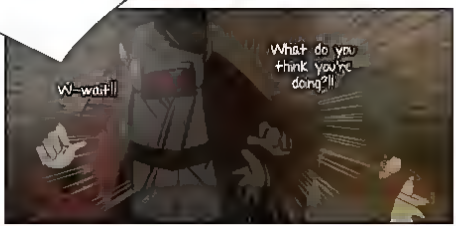
launch
LEAP

Damn!
intercept



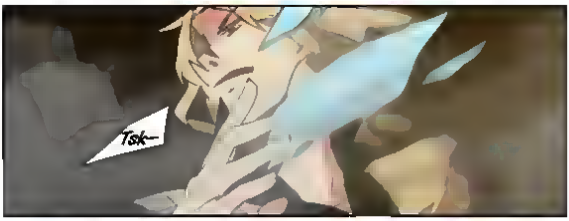
Shatter

HERE!! CATCH HIM!!

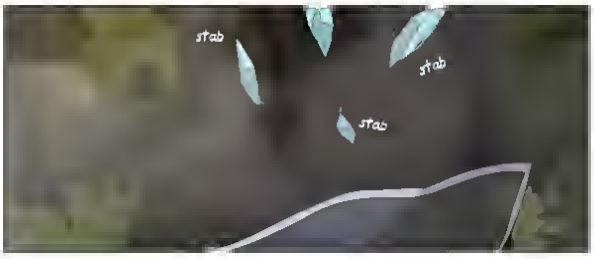


MY...
FLOP
MY LORD!!!

ARE YOU OKAY MY LORD?
He threw me twice.
ARE YOU HURT ANY-WHERE?
THAT BASTARD!!
Whoosh
Alight


Tsk—

whoosh
Whoosh—
Eeep.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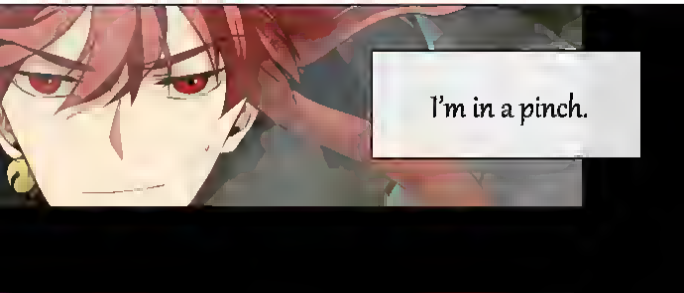
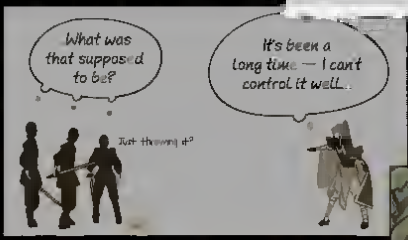
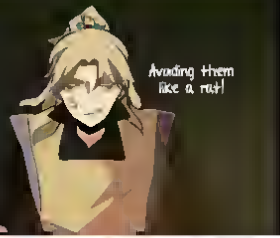

I'm in a pinch.

I attacked without thinking



But I'm not sure if I'm able to attack

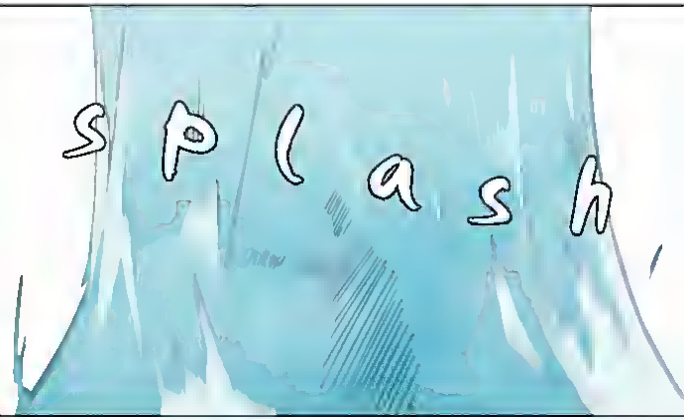
It would be extremely hard to attack without any powers.



Well, I have no choice...
...but to attack —
FLAMES

HYAAAAAAAAA!!
brace
KUH!
Whoooo
Dffff...

Push
You bastard...
Crack
Crack
You're...
h h o
...trying too hard!!!!!
o o o
Splash


splash

Drip
Drip

Spin
Are you okay, Yun?

Gang-Hui,
you're attacking
too hard!

Hey! You...
just tried to kill me,
didn't you?

Oh.

Oh! So, I had to attack with the intent to kill!
Slap
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!! WHAT DID YOU SAY!! I TRIED TO GO EASY ON YOU!
BUT YOU ATTACK ME FOR REAL??!
DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO KILL YOU?!
Yun, you really are useful sometimes.
Thanks to you, I regained my full power.

Ga-Bi.

Ga-Bi?

Clench
How...
do you know that name?

Silence

He knew it even before he woke us.

I see. I should've guessed as much.
You woke us up because you knew, didn't you? Isn't that right?

I believe that you won't do anything rash in this situation.
So, let me ask you once.

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Where is Ga-Bi?

I don't know!

King of Myung-Joo,
order your Divine Bell to tell me Ga-Bi's location.
?

That bell has chosen you as its master, so if you give it an order, it will comply.
That blabbermouth bastard!

Could that be true?
Now is not the time to discuss this.

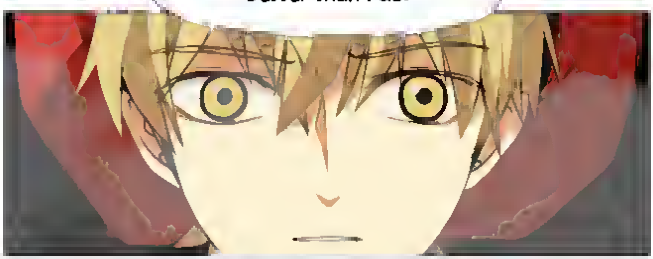
I'm not asking you to do it - I'm ordering you to do it.
If I don't get my answer, I cannot guarantee the safety...
...of you or your men.
Are you trying to break the peace treaty between the countries?
I might be breaking it... But what if the king of Myung-Joo broke that treaty first?
With the powers of the awakened bell, they rebelled against Dae-Hyun. That would justify my actions.

You would claim that I attacked Dae-Hyun just because the bell woke up?
Who would believe such an outrageous thing?
Well, nobody would believe it.

But it doesn't really matter if it's true or not. If the emperor of Dae-Hyun says it's true,

what are the other countries going to do? Isn't that right?

You should know this better than I do.



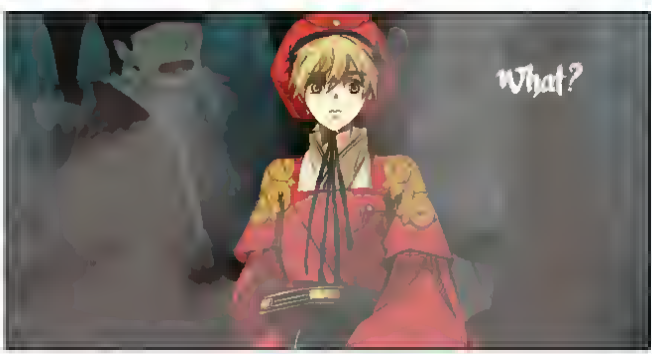
Who would believe the words of a lying emperor?

I mean, the deceptions of Dae-Hyun will soon be obvious.

Isn't that right?

While we were asleep, we didn't choose our masters; the priestesses of Dae-Hyun did.

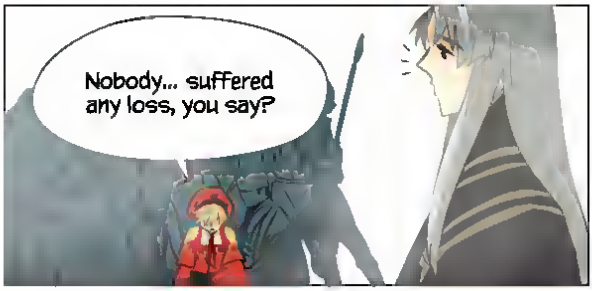
Ah!
They were acting on the orders of the emperors of Dae-Hyun, though.


What?

What's wrong with that?
You claim there's nothing wrong with that? You've been deceiving everyone, but that's not wrong?

We've done nothing more than rule with authority. The smaller countries know their places and don't rebel.
This benefits, not only Dae-Hyun, but also the other five countries.
They took pride in being chosen by the bells, and they knew their place according to the number of bells they held.
Thanks to that, the six countries have lived in harmony ever since the appearance of the Divine Bells 150 years ago.
That's what you would call peace veiled in lies.
So what if it's a lie?

Nobody suffered loss 'til now, so that's good enough, isn't it?


Nobody... suffered any loss, you say?

If all countries stand on equal ground, they'll start to want more.
"Aren't we stronger than that country?" "Why can't we challenge them?"
Kings start to have these thoughts, and soon, blood is spilt.
That's why a dominant country is required. But, at the same time, an inferior country is also needed for balance.
This way, the other countries say "at least we're better than them." Everyone stays satisfied with the situation.

You might not understand yet because you're still young, but that is how the world operates.

Operates, my ass.

That's just a convenient excuse to hide the fact that
you're doing this for your own selfish motives.

Then why did you send a Divine Bell to Myung-Joo this time?

You said that we were the designated weaklin[illegible] Did you develop a soft spot for us now?

Or did you need a new balance?

Don't ask me - ask your Divine Bell...

...Since I'm curious too.

Why did you choose the king of Myung-Joo?

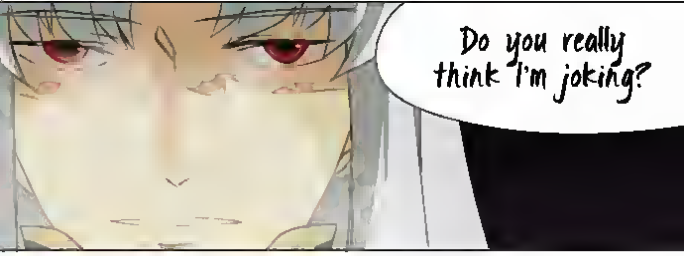
If you had obediently come to my side, then this wouldn't have happened at all.

It was only because the priestess tried to force me to you. I didn't want that, so I chose someone else.
It just happened to be this kid. There's no special reason for it...

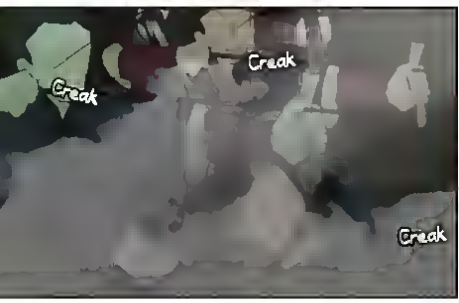
And I'll say this once more, but I don't know where Ga-Bi is.
So it's pointless to use this kid to get me to talk.

DON'T LIE! YOU WERE THE LAST ONE SEALED AWAY!

Just shut up, Yun!
What?


Do you really think I'm joking?

Wave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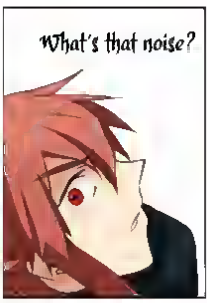
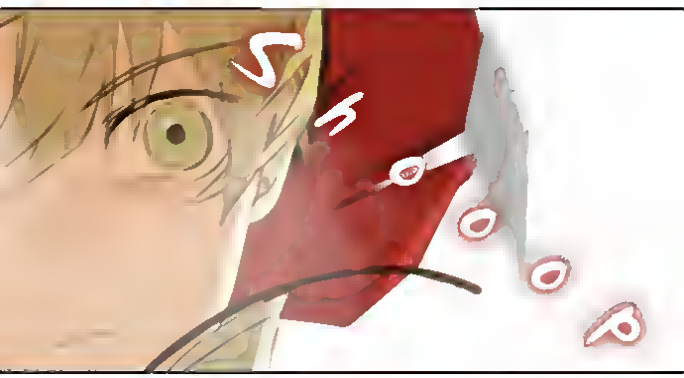
Creak
Creak


What's that noise?


Shoop

THUNK
THUNK
THUNK

Bump
COLLAPSE

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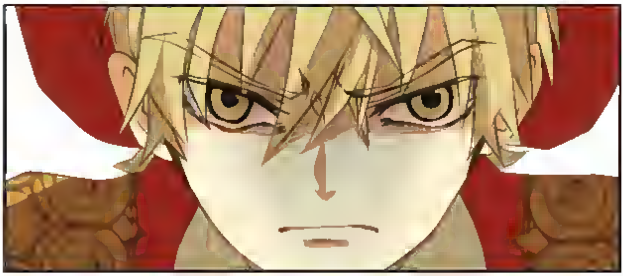
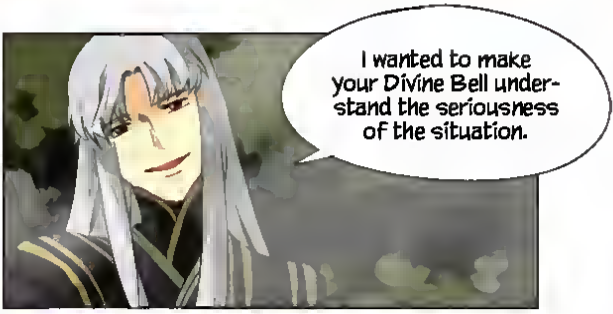
Tsk
What...
...HAVE YOU DONE?!



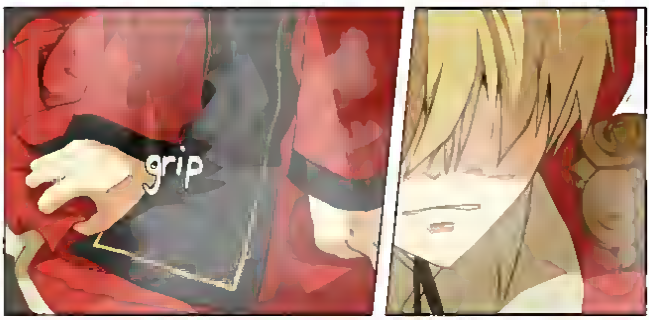

I wanted to make your Divine Bell understand the seriousness of the situation.

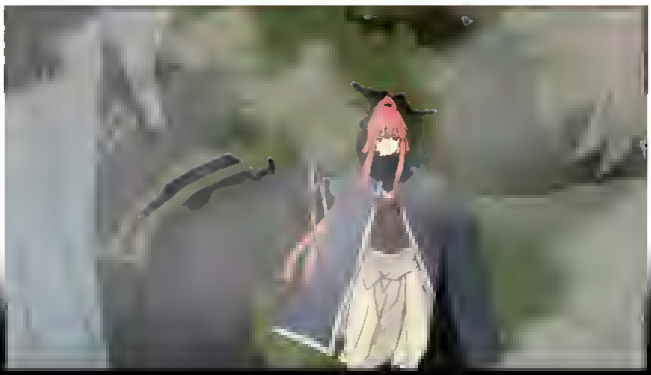
clench
Should I target Myung-Joo next?

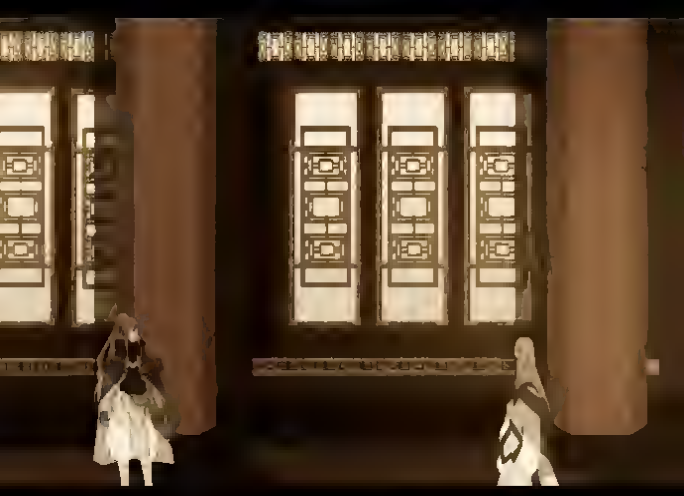
It might set a good example.
...A warning to other countries of what happens if they resist Dae-Hyun over the secrets behind the Divine Bells.

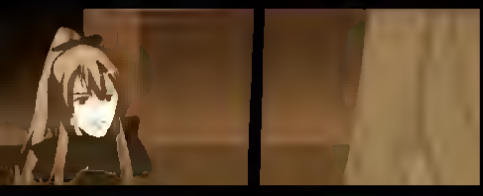
Let me tell you, you're just a powerless king who can't even protect his own people.
If you don't want your citizens killed because of your weakness, you better listen to me.

Hurry up. Order your Divine Bell to reveal Ga-Bi's location.

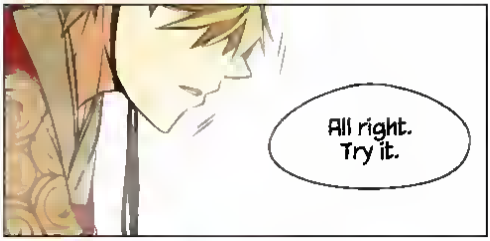

grip







Where are you going to be?


All right.
Try it.

Go ahead
and order me.

Even if you do, I won't be able to answer his question. And if that's what he wants to hear, I'll let him hear it.
Can he be serious?

This will be fun to watch — how he reacts when he gets nothing after all the trouble he went through. So...
...do it.
It won't matter.
You really don't know?
SO YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHERE GA-BI IS?!

Are you deaf?
How many times do I need to tell you?
I DON'T KNOW! I REALLY DON'T! WOULD YOU LIE IN MY SITUATION?
Didn't you say THAT Divine Bell would know?
Hah!
You made me waste my time.

If the two of them are no help, then I don't need to stay here.
So just...
...kill them both.
!

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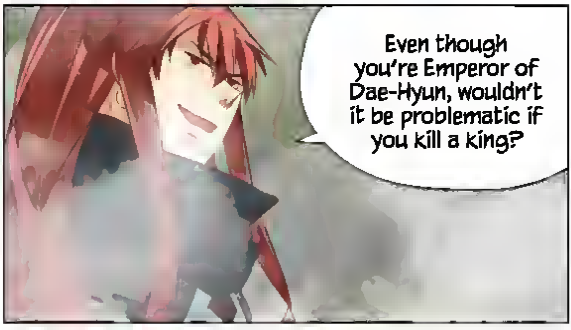
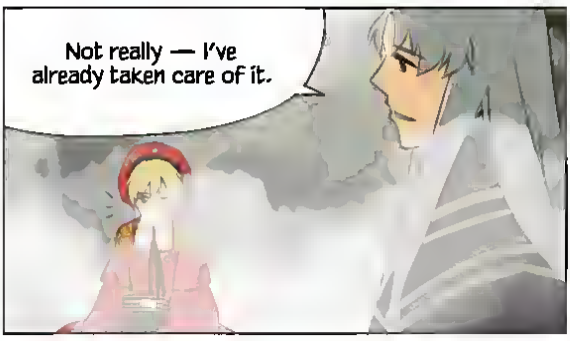
Hmm...

The fog's getting worse.
At this rate, I won't even be able to see my own hands

If the two of them are no help, then I don't need to stay here.
So just...

...kill them both.


Even though you're Emperor of Dae-Hyun, wouldn't it be problematic if you kill a king?


Not really — I've already taken care of it.

I'll just make it seem like you never came here.

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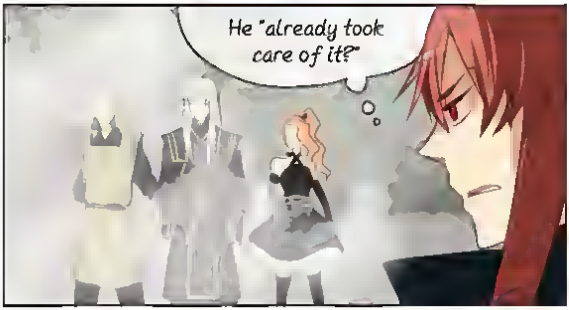
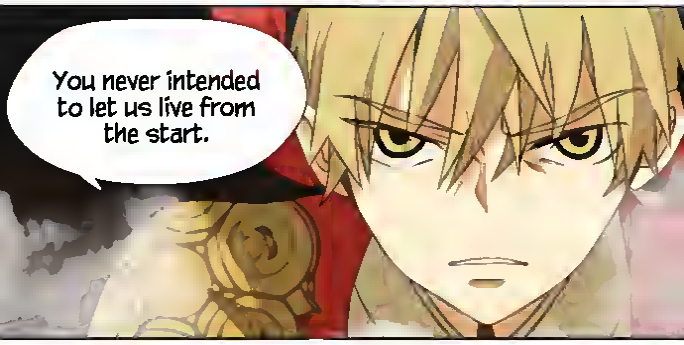
It's good for you to keep an eye on your enemy
But in your case, you should've kept better track of it.

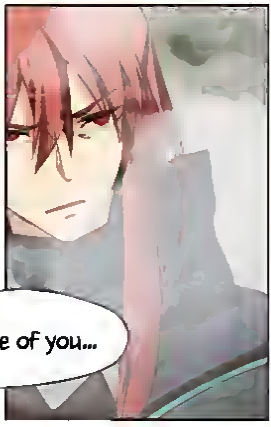
...
Chuí-Bí.


He "already took care of it?"

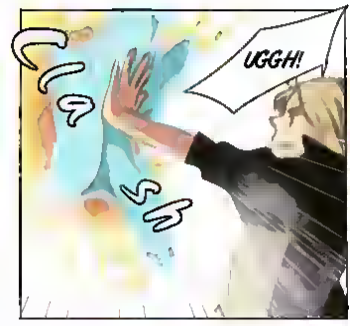
He said that he would let us go if I told him Ga-Bi's whereabouts, but...


You never intended to let us live from the start.

What?
That's right.


The nerve of you...

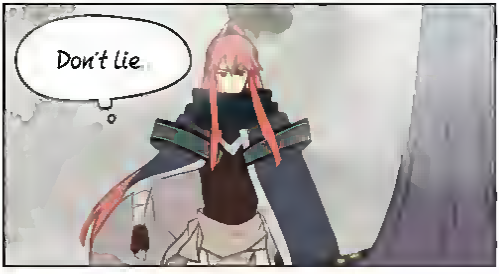
...How dare you take a Divine Bell from the emperor?

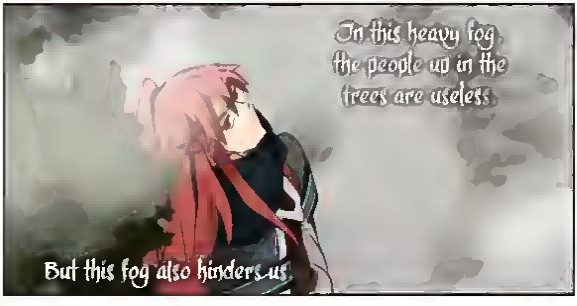


You treacherous scum!

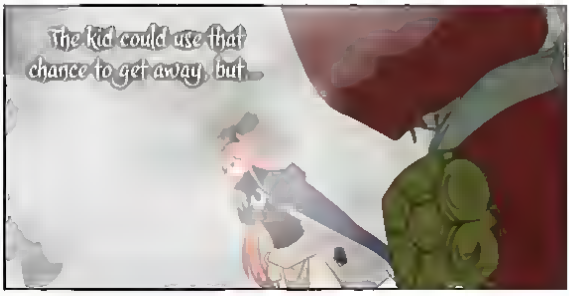
If you and this Divine Bell die, I'll leave Myung-Joo alone.
My earlier words were just to scare you, but I don't want a war either.
Look around you. See how many people died for your sake.
If you quietly die here, nothing will happen to Myung-Joo.

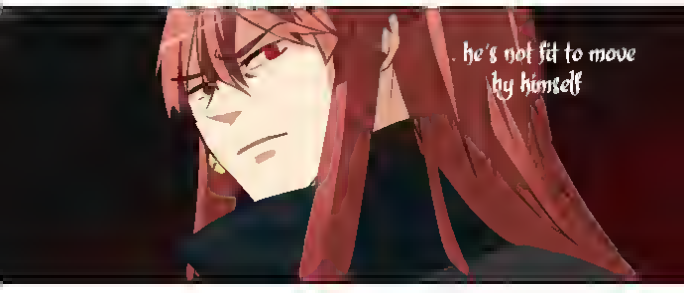
You have my word.


Don't lie.

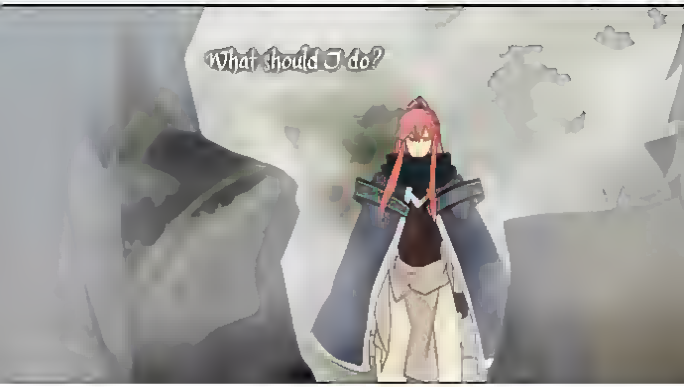

In this heavy fog, the people up in the trees are useless.
But this fog also hinders us.

At this stage, it's impossible for me to take on Yun and Tu-Hie at the same time.
If I go easy on them, I can stall them where they are.


The kid could use that chance to get away, but...


...he's not fit to move by himself

Now then...



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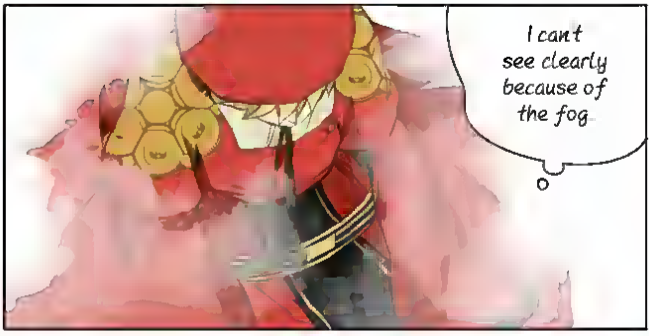
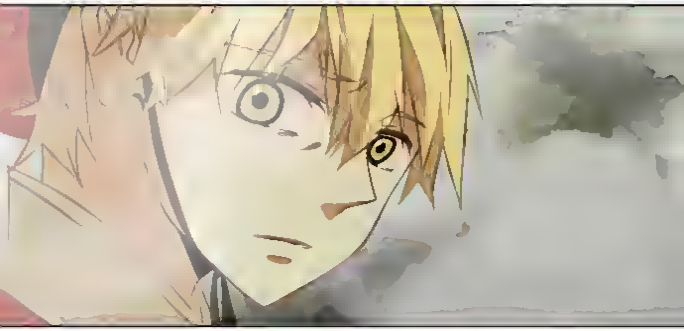
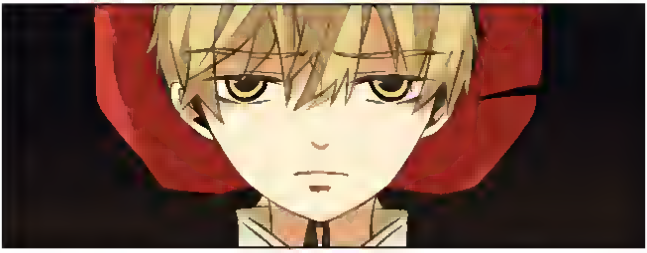

I can't see clearly because of the fog

touch
It's cold



rustle

Have you decided?



Don't tell me he's about to do something stupid!

flap
YIKES!
flap
flap

Huh?

WHOA!
WHAT'RE THESE!!
flap
flap
SHOO!
SCRAM!
flap
flap
I CAN'T SEE!!
WHAT THE HECK!

Ugh

Birds?

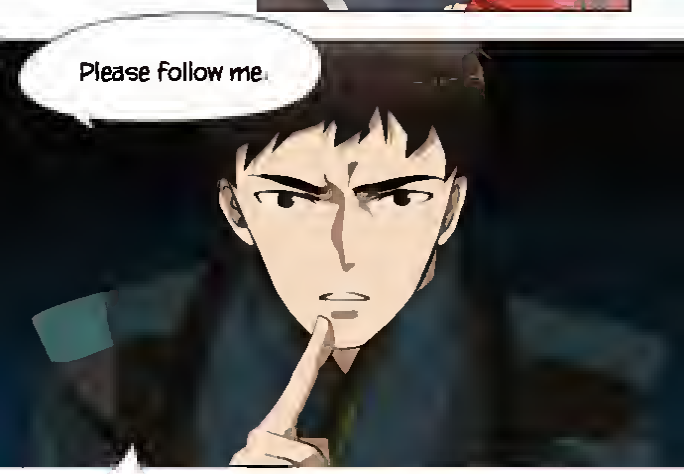
WHAT?
Dreh.
What's up with these birds!

Flap
Flap
...

Grab

Are you all right?
What's going on? Why are the birds...

touch
!
Shhh


Please follow me.

WHO ARE YOU?!
Please lower your voice!
There's no time for this! You need to escape!

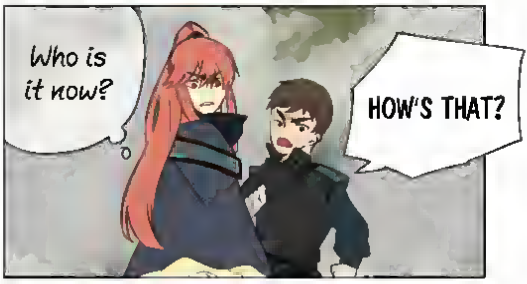
WHO...
Shhh
...Do you think you are?

I'm telling you — we don't have time.
Wow this guy is terrifying

Please, calm down and listen to...

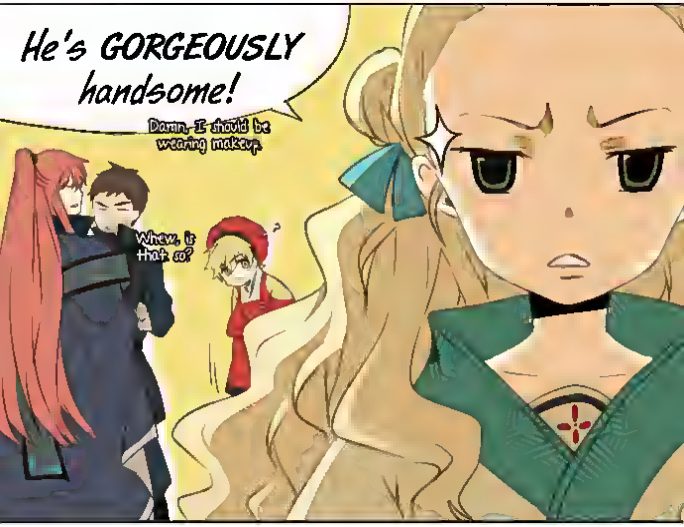
me...
FLOP

What?
shirt
Ex
amine


Who is it now?
HOW'S THAT?

Dong-Hyung lied to me.
YOU DON'T LIKE HIM??
Get's up
Uh-oh! It's already hard enough to safeguard the king!!

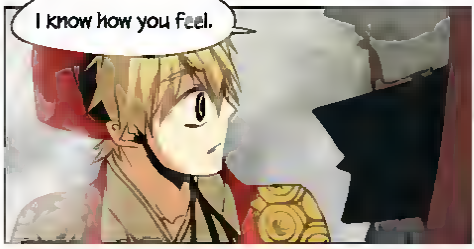
He's not "handsome."
Step


He's GORGEOUSLY handsome!
Damn, I should be wearing makeup.
Whew, is that so?

But anyway, right now, please get away.
We can get to know each other after we are away from here.

...

Whew!
Let's follow them for now. We have no other option.

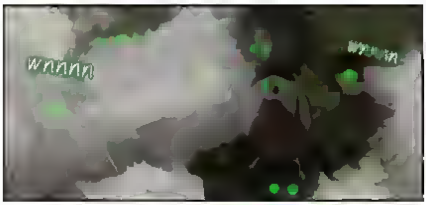

I know how you feel.

But I think we should leave.

Ha-Hyeon. We'll leave this to you.
Wave

Sigh

Shine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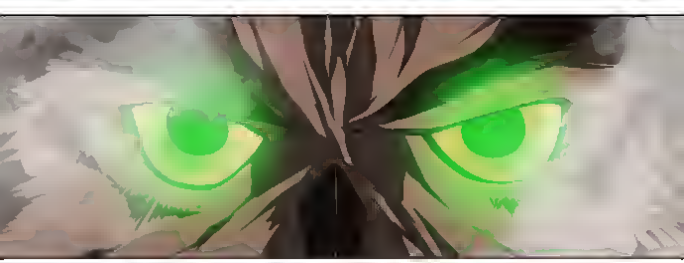
Poof



Huh?
FSST
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS! WHY DID IT DISAPPEAR?
What's the matter?
I DON'T KNOW! A FLOCK OF BIRDS CAME, AND NOW I LOST THE VISION.
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON? JUST WHEN THINGS WERE GETTING INTERESTING!

Maybe you lost contact because you've been over working them.
You couldn't see anything clearly through the fog anyways.
Yawn
BUT I WAS ABLE TO HEAR THEM.
THIS PISSES ME OFF!
Hey, perhaps...
Hmm?

Someone else showed up, and they have more power than you, April.

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